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MARSHAL CHIANG AT NANKING.

SPECIAL DESPATCH

Sidelights on Nationalist Ways at H. Q.

DR. WANG'S OPINION OF TREATY REVISION.

Much that occurs behind the scenes in Nanking, the capital of the Nationalist Government of China, is revealed in another special despatch to the "China Mail" by a political correspondent who has occupied very high office in Chinese public affairs.

What Dr. C. T. Wang (the Foreign Minister) really thinks about Treaty revision, and the possibility of another "star" diplomat returning to Nanking, are two of the subjects dealt with. The opinion of Chinese merchants vis-a-vis Japan's attitude is another. How Marshal Chiang Kai-shek proved himself "a master of compromise" and "scored a victory in the field of intrigue" is also told.

General Yen Hsi-shan, who took over Peking for the Nationalists, is stated to have suspected a plot (in Nanking) against either his power or his person, hence his return to Shansi.

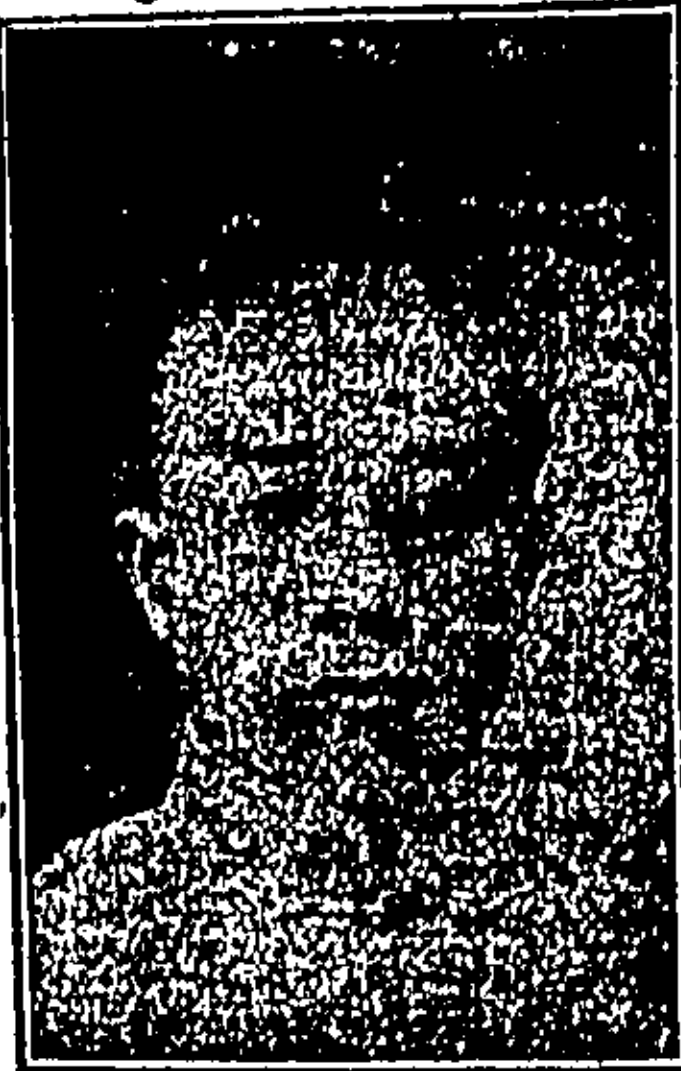
WHY YEN WENT HOME.

[From a Political Correspondent.]

Nanking, Aug. 9.

Dr. C. T. Wang, Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Nationalist Government, pictures the diplomatic outlook for China to be very bright. He has been speaking on the abrogation of the so-called unequal Treaties. At a recent banquet, he announced what his foreign policy would be, adding that he remains confident that the Treaty Powers will, one by one, accept not only his ruling that certain Treaties have lapsed but also the modus vivendi as laid down in his provisional regulations for foreigners, pending the conclusion of new treaties.

Dr. C. C. Wu, fresh from the



Dr. C. C. Wu.

honour of having negotiated the new Treaty with America, is expected back here from New York soon, as is also Dr. Wang Chung-hui, the late Chinese delegate to the International Court at The Hague.

[Note: Dr. C. C. Wu was the first Foreign Minister appointed by the Nanking Government. Dr. Wang Chung-hui has been staying at Hong Kong and Canton, en route from Europe.]

AGAINST JAPAN.

Feeling Among Some Chinese Merchants.

The consensus of opinion among well-informed Chinese merchants in Shanghai and Nanking is strongly against Japan for the attitude her Premier, Baron Tanaka, has taken up in opposition to China's Note to the effect that the Commercial Treaty between China and Japan has lapsed. In fact, some of the merchants go so far as to say that Japan is unjustly accusing China of "abrogation," when there is no act of "abrogation," such not being necessary because

the Treaty has automatically expired.

Which side is right is not material to the point. Suffice it to say that these merchants go further. They say that Japan is only pretending to desire the status quo to be maintained in Manchuria; that what she really wants is a stronger hold on Manchuria and also, if possible, in Shantung.

MASTER OF COMPROMISE.

How Chiang Kai-shek Patched Up a Truce.

Has the present political situation improved? It has and it has not? First of all it is best to explain what the fifth plenary session of the Kuomintang is. It is the joint meeting of members of the Central Executive Committee and the Central Supervisory Committee of the Nationalist Party.

The session opened here yesterday—after Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had gone to Shanghai in search of truants and defaulters.

An old quarrel had been revived. Several (Moderate) members of the Central Supervisory Committee were strongly and irrevocably opposed to the participation of the delegates who form what is known as the Cantonese or Extremist clique.

At the head of the Moderates was Mr. Wu Tsu-hui, a venerable Chinese scholar of the old type. Mr. Wu expressed his opposition in no uncertain terms and then played truant by going off in a huff to Shanghai.

Field of Intrigue.

Where Marshal Chiang Kai-shek scored a victory—in the field of intrigue, of course—was in being able to induce five of the Extremist delegates to go from Shanghai to attend the session at Nanking.

Mr. Wu's objection is directed against Mr. Wang Ching-wai, who is still abroad, and Mr. Chen Kung-poh, who is accused by Mr. Wu of being Mr. Wang's agent.

Mr. Wu felt that if Mr. Chen were permitted to attend the session, he might use the opportunity to put his case before all his Nationalist colleagues.

Wang Ching-wai and Chen Kung-poh, it should be known, have been charged with Communist affiliations and treachery against the Nationalist Party.

A Mystery.

Basing his argument on what occurred at a previous session, Mr. Wu maintained that Mr. Chen was debarred from attendance because he had been deprived of his rights as a member of the Central Executive Committee.

On the other hand, Mr. Chen says that he never received official notice of his rights being cancelled, pointing out that he had been elected by the National Congress of delegates of the

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WHILE PARTAKING OF COCKTAILS.

KNIVES USED!

COUSIN OF KING OF SPAIN IN A BRAWL.

"LADIES PRESENT."

Deauville, Yesterday. The cousin of the King of Spain was stabbed in the ribs during the course of a quarrel in a restaurant between Le Touquet and Etaples whilst he and three Spaniards and a Canadian lady were partaking of cocktails before lunch.

One of the party suddenly pulled out a knife and inflicted a slight wound.

A friend of the King's cousin retaliated and "knifed" the aggressor in the stomach.

"Someone mentioned 'ladies present' and peace was restored."—Reuter.

DANGEROUS DRUGS.

ACTS OF 1925 AND 1920 TO BE EXTENDED.

CONTROL QUESTION.

London, Yesterday. The Dangerous Drugs Act, 1925, which was passed to give effect to the International Opium Convention of 1925 will operate on September 25 and extend to the control of Indian hemp and 'ishish.

The Act of 1925 providing control of morphine, heroin and cocaine will also be applied to benzylmorphine, dihydro-oxycodone and dihydro-codone.

Traffic in The Far East. It is authoritatively stated that those Powers who have dependencies and other interests in the Far East are very concerned as to the spread of the illicit traffic of opium.

Britain has supported the other Powers to ask the League of Assembly at the forthcoming meetings to appoint a commission to visit the Far East to re-study the question in the light of recent startling developments and to make determined plans to counteract the traffic.—Reuter.

Poppy Growing in China.

The British Wireless report states that the ground for the proposal is that all efforts that have so far been made as the result of decisions of the International Opium Convention of 1912 and of the Opium Conferences of 1924 and 1925 have been largely rendered of no avail owing to the enormous amount of smuggling. This has reached such proportions that the governments are finding it difficult to implement their promises made at the first Opium Conference to suppress the consumption of prepared opium within a period of fifteen years.

The recrudescence of the growth of opium poppy in China has led to great smuggling activity and it is the desire of the British Government that League experts should make inquiry on the spot to see what further measures can be taken to control the whole trade and thus gradually carry out the desire of the signatories of the Agreement that within a given period of years, by means of gradual suppression, the use of opium or, at all events, the legal use of opium shall be entirely stopped. Smuggling is at present the principal obstacle in the way, and it is with the object of studying this and the means of stopping it that the Commission of Inquiry is asked for. Other governments with territories in the Far East have replied supporting the British proposal.

MAIL SPEEDING.

WEEKLY AIR SERVICE TO SOUTH AMERICA.

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London, Yesterday. Following the successful experiment in speeding up the trans-Atlantic mails by the use of aeroplanes, the Post Office has started a weekly air mail service to South America. Letters will be carried by air for the first and last stages of the journey and intermediately by steamer. They will reach Rio de Janeiro in eight days.

A special air fee of 4/6 for each half ounce will be charged in addition to the ordinary postage.—Reuter.

LANCASHIRE BUMP KENT.

WELL WHACKED.

SURREY GO DOWN BEFORE THE GLOUCESTER TEAM.

COUNTY CRICKET.

Both the Rose counties won their matches in the cricket championship, Lancashire administering a severe whacking to Kent. MacDonald bowled finely and was mainly instrumental in getting the Hop-pickers out for 390 (20 wickets). Lancs. made 478 for five wickets and declared.

Yorkshire had no difficulty in accounting for Derbyshire.

Surrey lost heavily to Gloucestershire. Hammond was to the fore with centuries in both innings. (Thanks to Tate, Sussex were able to defeat Somersetshire by over 100 runs.

London, Yesterday.

Yorks Win.

Yorkshire beat Derbyshire by an innings and 22 runs. Derby 126 (Rhodes 5 for 57) and 265 (Bedford 6 for 91). Yorks 413 for 9 dec. (Sutcliffe 138).

Kent Whacked.

Lancashire beat Kent by an innings and 88. Kent 277 (Woolley 151, MacDonald 7 for 101) and 113 (MacDonald 8 for 53).

SHOWERS?

S. W. winds, moderate; fair to showery, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

Lancs. 478 for 5 dec. (E. Tyldesley 159, Hallows 184).

White and Tate.

Sussex beat Somersetshire by 118 runs.

Sussex 123 (White 6 for 42) and 237 (Duleepsinhji 150, White 6 for 102).

Somerset 178 (Tate 6 for 76) and 116 (Tate 6 for 42).

Surrey Lose.

Gloucestershire beat Surrey by 189 runs.

Gloucester 304 (Hammond 139) and 319 for 9 dec. (Hammond 143).

Surrey 267 (Parker 6 for 117) and 167 (Parker 7 for 80).

Points for Essex.

Essex beat Glamorganshire on first innings.

Essex 499 for 8 dec. (Crawley 222) and 97 for 1.

Glamorgans 479 (Arnot 153, Bates 105).

Hants Follow On.

Leicestershire beat Hampshire on first innings.

Leicester 465 (Dawson 120, Bradshaw 140).

Hants 272 (Aird 159, Shipman 5 for 53) and, following on, 351 (Mead 148).

Enthoven Hurt.

Warwickshire beat Middlesex on first innings.

Middlesex 365 for 8 dec. (Enthoven 115 retired hurt) and 292.

Warwick 378 and 51 for 1.—Reuter.

THE NAVAL PACT.

CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION IN AMERICA.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

New York, Yesterday.

There is considerable speculation in regard to the Franco-British naval agreement. Newspapers draw attention to the fact that Admiral Hughes, Chief of the Naval Operations Staff, conferred with the President at the White House yesterday, and also to the fact that Mr. Kellogg is going to visit London as well as Paris.

Alarmists conclude that the agreement is causing the United States Government great concern, but the "New York Times" in a reassuring leader declares: "It is certain that England does not dream of taking any step offensive to the United States, or challenging our right to establish our own naval policy as seems to us best."—Reuter's American Service.

As the result of a collision which occurred in the West River on July 20, the s.s. "Talszema" was damaged to the extent of a three feet hole in her starboard bow, while further damage was done to the watertight main-deck. She failed to pass the Government survey on Thursday, and her clearance was withheld. The vessel has now been laid up and is at anchor off Shanghai.

CANTON'S BIG FEAR PASSED.

PEACE UNTIL 1929?

"NO CONQUERING HEROES TO BE REPATRIATED."

WARLORDS WITHOUT A WAR!

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

Several minor wars are in a fluctuating state of existence in China at the moment. The rival camps in the Nationalist conference which has just ended at Nanking have gone away angrier than ever with each other. Several indications point to another big clash—bigger, they say, than the last—yet there are signs that a condition akin equally to peace, an armistice, compromise, a truce, or only a rest, has set in.

Admittedly there can be no lasting peace. At best, the various groups now at cross-purposes might be eradicated by means not necessitating the shedding of blood. But everything is still against the raising of a powerful central administration which can control and speak for the whole country.

Nobody to Fight.

At the moment, the more aggressive warlords have nobody to fight, even though they may be itching for war. A war is costly and, in their eyes, only justified when there is something to be gained in return for the outlay in (1st) money, (2nd) munitions, (3rd) anxiety as to one's own position, and (4th) men, named in the accepted order of relative importance.

Marshal Li Chai-sum has been quoted as having, if only indirectly, expressed disappointment at the outcome of the fifth plenary session in Nanking. Canton, however, seems to have come out of the conference without loss; if there be no advantage.

One thing which the Canton Government feared above all else, when Peking was captured, was the possible return of the Ironsides and other Cantonese troops to Kwangtung. This fear has passed.

"Wait and See."

The statement that Marshal Li Chai-sum's main concern in making another trip north was to arrive at an understanding with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek that there was to be no repatriation of conquering heroes back to Canton. The last time this occurred, in 1927, the sequel was nearly fatal.

Mr. T. V. Soong sent down an unofficial delegate to sound the Canton Government about submitting finances to the control of Nanking. The delegate returned empty-handed, except for a bevy of promises. And the Finance Conference at Nanking has not brought about curtailment of Canton's revenue for the benefit of Nanking.

The fifth plenary session has ruled that Canton's semi-autonomy, through the medium of the provincial branch of the Political Council, is to be abolished on Jan. 1, 1929. It remains to be seen even then whether Canton will submit. In the interval there is nothing to worry about and Canton ought to be in peace of mind at least until the end of the year.

ELECTION RESULT.

LABOUR PARTY RETAINS THE SEAT.

COMMUNIST CANDIDATE.

London, Yesterday.

The bye-election at North Aberdeen, caused by the death of the Labour member, Mr. Rose, resulted as follows:—

Capt. Wedgwood Benn (Labour)	10,646
Dr. Laura Sandeman (Conservative)	4,696
Mr. Alken Ferguson (Communist)	2,618
Mr. James Rutherford (Liberal)	2,537
Labour majority	5,950

[Capt. Benn, the new member, was formerly Liberal member for Leith, but last year joined the Labour Party and resigned his seat. He held minor posts in the Liberal Government before the war and is regarded as a valuable acquisition by the Labour Party.]

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

That Chinese Harmony Club should take its headquarters to Nanking, what?

The price charged by one or two of the new barber shops here for shingling is sheer robbery.

The first woman F.R.C.S. has been created. Wonderful College of Surgeons, that can change a girl into a Fellow!

The deputation of Shanghai Chinese bankers failed to say anything to the Nationalist Government at Nanking.

Some girls go on the stage and some just go on.

The Nationalists are to build new ships. What about a Ship of State?

Sir Ofori Atta will not go to the United States, so the citizens will have no opportunity of shouting "Atta-boy!"

The Moderates and the Extremists were trying to push each other out of the fifth plenary session. Prosecuting a labour of shove?

Sixty London policemen were taken ill one Friday; and one account says that "the malady is confined to one area only." That cook must have been a busy woman!

The Chinese girl has found it easier to stoop to folly by giving up tight dresses.

It is asserted that there are few all-round actresses now. Not since the slimming craze came in.

It is argued that money goes farther in Kowloon than in Hong Kong. But what matter? It never comes back, in either case.

In Hungary the hangman is in despair because there are so few executions. With him no noose is not good noose.

Women fainted when they saw a motor mishap in Queen's-road. The Colony still clings to these quaint, old-fashioned customs.

A christening ceremony is to be held at the Anopheles Maternity Home. Surely a job for the H.K. O. M.A. A. in the absence of the Mayor of Taipei.

An hotel manager writes to the papers to ask why he should be supposed to mix with the guests. Of course, a line must be drawn somewhere.

Colony's Criminal Calendar.... Making "dates" that can't be dodged.

"The shrinking timidity of the lender is wonderful" said Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch County Court. You do not notice this about the chronic borrower.

Even though it has gone out of fashion and this is not the dancing season, quite a number have that Charlie-stoney feeling at this time of the month.

A professor asks, "Where is the Drama Going?" but that is not the point. We want to know where the people who used to go to the drama are going.

Whiteaway's report red letter days with their blue sale tickets.

Mistinguette's legs are "covered by insurance"—and not much else.

Says Peter, the Cautious Scot is merely one of a large number of fellow-countrymen whose brains do not function readily enough to permit of them giving a quick decision.

Our weather: Isn't it torrid?

They call it "fancy dress" because it is often more fancy than reality.

Several typhoons have been moving about this month—August?

In a new naval play there is a submarine. It ought to go down.

Speeches made at Nanking were mostly inclined to be flowery. All very well provided they are not of the rambling variety.

It is claimed that a woman's character can be told by her chin. Perhaps, if it would only keep still long enough.

To make a long journey back to China, Borodin will have to be in the pink of perfection. And he might get in if he were not in the red of infection.

"Orange Riots" says a headline. We have never seen an orange riot, but presume it had the pip.

The report that a Chinese steamer has been lost with 500 lives on the Yangtze Rapids has been nailed as untrue. All that did happen, we learn, was that the comrade got out at chow time and rocked the boat so as to take the edge off the passengers' appetites.

Tunney has decided to retire with a million dollars. More evidence of his being a Gene-i-ous.

Luckiest woman we ever heard of was one who worried so about being plump that she worried herself thin!

Our market cooie says that he walks seven miles a day on his duties. We believe him; but why doesn't he come back?

A girl who stowed away on a Finnish barge said she was "mad to go to sea." She must have been a little crazy.

Some of the Nationalists who attended the fifth plenary session have been led into cross purposes. More diverted than devoted, we think.

Some men in court described themselves as "Nature curers." But how can you cure Nature?

Little more having been heard about Tilden and the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association, we presume that the American authorities of the game still think that write is wrong.

From what "Rover" says, it seems that local football clubs are busily engaged in trying to get together for the coming season eleven players to make a score.

According to the local critics, the entertainers who have recently appeared at the Queen's Theatre have made a hit. Given slap-up performances, in fact.

When talking about professions members of which are exposed to weather vagaries, somebody asked if traffic policemen lived long. While the law of Hong Kong remains as it is, we are afraid they will be allowed to.

What with having to provide brilliant costumes for each new play, Cantonese actors are complaining that in Hong Kong the stage is an expensive career. Before they can head the bill, they have to foot it, we suppose.

There is no truth in the rumour that several of this month's brides are thinking of starting boarding-houses on the strength of having received so many sets of silver spoons as wedding presents.

Having read longer versions of what Tex Rickard said after the last fight, we have come to the conclusion that Tunney and Heeney were the only big figures connected with it.

We saw at a money-changer's this week an Irish shilling bearing the figure of a bull. Our soccer captains ought to have one if only for the confidence of knowing that they are strong enough to toss a bull.

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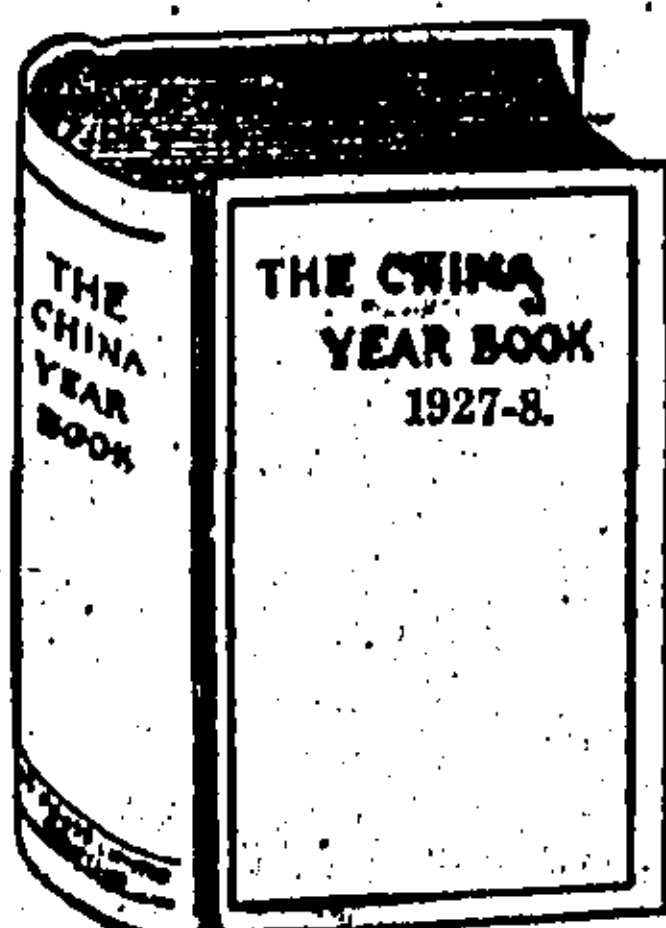
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Lord Terrington, who had pleaded guilty to fraudulent conversion in respect of 48 out of 50 counts, took the sentence calmly and bowed to the Judge, but, as he turned to leave the dock, seemed somewhat shaken, and was assisted by the warders. The details of the charges occupied a page and a half of the calendar, and referred principally to large sums of money Lord Terrington was alleged to have received on account of Sir Harold James Reckitt.

WIDE POWERS OF ATTORNEY.

Mr. Eustace Fulton, outlining the case for the Crown, said the counts on which Lord Terrington had pleaded guilty involved £60,000. Lord Terrington was a solicitor and practised for many years under the style of Woodhouse and Co. in Clarges-street, Piccadilly. W. Sir Harold Reckitt had known him all his life and had been a client of Lord Terrington.



Madam Frances Alda, prima donna soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

ton's father, who was also a solicitor.

Sir Harold was in the habit of travelling a great deal, and it was his custom when away to give Lord Terrington wide powers of attorney, which left Lord Terrington with complete control of his affairs. The charges in the indictment related to the fraudulent use of that power, by which Lord Terrington possessed himself of considerable portions of Sir Harold's properties. Mr. Fulton gave details of sales of shares made by Lord Terrington to repay a Mr. Buxton, who had lent him money on the security of a property.

The next transaction, he said, related to the misuse of Sir Harold's property in order to settle with Lady Nunburnholme. Lord Terrington became a trustee of her daughter's marriage settlement. The sum of £9,000 was loaned to him on mortgage, and she instructed her solicitors to call it in. Mr. Fulton said that £5,460 which remained after Lord Terrington had reduced certain of Sir Harold Reckitt's overdrafts remained in Lord Terrington's account and was absorbed for the use of himself and his firm. Lord Terrington was adjudged bankrupt in 1926 and left the country.

Owing to his leaving, no statement of affairs had been lodged, but, continued Mr. Fulton, there were proofs of debt amounting to some £400,000. Sir Harold Reckitt had lodged proofs amounting to £213,986, but he (Mr. Fulton) had been informed that, upon examination of other sources, that figure would probably be increased to about £300,000.

BRAIN AFFECTED.

This concluded Mr. Fulton's address, and Mr. Roland Oliver, K.C., defending, called Dr. Watson, Senior Medical Officer at Brixton Prison. Dr. Watson said Lord Terrington was suffering from a grave valvular disease of the heart. He added that Lord Terrington's brain had been affected to some extent for some years past by his complaint.

Mr. Oliver, addressing the Judge on behalf of Lord Terrington,

said that Lord Terrington was in 1915 suffering from enlargement of the heart. Throughout the War he did such work as he could for the country, in addition to carrying on his solicitor's work. The double work undoubtedly had a bad effect on his mind, and at the time of the alleged offences he had to lie down and sign such documents as were brought to him.

Mr. Oliver, continuing, said that in 1925 and 1926 there was a sum of £80,000 owing to which Lord Terrington could look for payment. The man owing it had turned out to be a person utterly worthless. Similarly there was a sum of £79,000 which Lord Terrington looked upon as a good debt. The suggestion had been made that Lord Terrington ran away to France. That suggestion was widely believed by the public, but was not correct. Mr. Oliver concluded by asking the Judge to bear in mind that Lord Terrington had already been in custody fifteen and a half months.

Mr. Justice Branson, passing sentence, as above, said: "But for your state of health and the fact that you have been in custody fifteen months, I should have imposed a longer sentence."

Mr. Oliver asked if Lord Terrington might see his wife, and to this request the Judge assented.

ROYAL YACHTS.**NAMES OF FOUR KINGS IN REGISTER.**

London.—Four kings have their names included in the current issue of "Lloyd's Register of Yachts," which gives a full list of yacht owners, the ports to which their yachts belong, and other particulars of them.

The King's name heads the list. His "Britannia" is familiar to all those who go to Cowes in August. She was built in 1893. The King of Italy, the King of Denmark, and the King of Egypt are other yacht owners.

Many princes from the East are in the list of owners. Prince Mohamed Ali Ibrahim of Egypt owns "Meteor Junior," and the Sheikh Khazaal Khan of Persia has "Ivy."

Millionaires from the West, whose yachts are attached to the important ports of the Eastern United States, are prominently represented in the Register. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt has "Atlantic," Mr. Fred W. Vanderbilt "Vedette," and Mr. Harold S. Vanderbilt "Vagrant."

Women yacht owners appear to be increasing in number, and their names occur frequently.

Sir William Milligan, the well-known surgeon, was dangerously ill recently in a Manchester nursing home following an operation for peritonitis.

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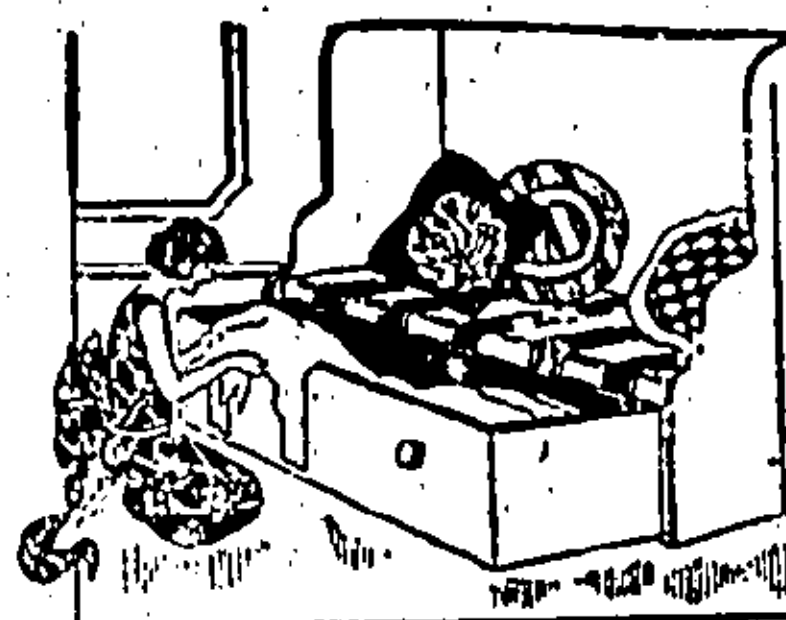
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In the House of Commons, Mr. Haslam asked the First Lord of the Admiralty if he would state what rules governed the response to requests by masters in the Mercantile Marine for naval assistance in cases of distress, and whether any change in the existing practice was made with the extension of wireless communication.

Lieutenant-Colonel Headlam.—The rules governing the response to requests by masters in the Mercantile Marine for naval assistance in cases of distress are laid down in Articles 896, 1,771, 1,941, and 1,945 of the King's Regulations. The first section of Article 896 reads as follows:—

"896: Aid to Ships in Danger.—All officers of his Majesty's ships are to afford every possible aid to vessels in danger, distress, or in want of casual assistance, and in saving life. They are to use their best efforts to save and protect property on board any vessel in danger or distress, and if necessary, to remove such property to a place of safety. Public economy and policy, however, require that his Majesty's ships should not take action in this respect to the prejudice of any private ship which may be present and capable of affording effective help."

The remaining articles mentioned deal with the claims which may be made under certain conditions on account of hardships or losses suffered by the naval personnel concerned or for repayment for work actually performed or stores supplied. The extension of wireless communication results in calls frequently being received from very distant vessels, with the result that the senior naval officer on the spot has to exercise his discretion as to whether the need for assistance justifies the despatch of one of his Majesty's ships so long a distance. The difficulty, however, is one which must always be solved by the discretion of the officer dealing with the situation, and cannot be brought under any settled rule.

PIEL LIFEBOAT.

In Barrow docks recently in the presence of some thousands of people, the inaugural ceremony took place of the handing over of the Piel motor-lifeboat. She was built from a legacy of the late Mrs M. C. Myers and a gift from the estate of the late Mr. Stephen H. Thompson, of Birmingham. The vessel was handed over by Mr. H. S. Thompson, of Birmingham, on behalf of the donors to Sir William Milligan, M.D., one of the vice-presidents of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The lifeboat was dedicated by the Bishop of Barrow, and named N.T., by the Mayoress of Barrow. There was a most impressive service, with singing by the massed choirs.

ILLEGAL TRAWLING.

Thomas Kirkby, of the Fleetwood trawler "George Cousins," at Campbelltown, Argyllshire, admitted a charge of illegal trawling, and was fined £100, with the forfeiture of net and gear, and another £5 for not showing the fishing signal.

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RUBBER BOATS.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN LIFE-
SAVING.

RAFTS INSPECTED.

London.—At the invitation of Sir Westcott Abell a group of critical shipowners, Government officials, and engineers inspected the new rubber life-saving appliances invented by Herr Gustav Winkler, of Berlin, on board the Cunard liner "Carmania" in King George V. Dock. These inflated lifeboats and rafts are not made of ordinary rubber. The fabric is linen and canvas, coated with rubber and so it remains immune from ordinary perishing, is rat-proof, and owing to the fact that the boats are cut into "bulkheads" they can keep afloat even after severe damage. The Board of Trade examined the inventions and will shortly report upon them.

What struck the practical shipowners was the fact that these rubber boats and rafts can be thrown into the sea, or slid down the ship's side, or even lowered in davits, with no possible chance of being smashed—generally the gravest danger with wooden lifeboats at times of disaster.

Sir William Senger (president of the Chamber of Shipping) watched the demonstration with great interest, and seemed to be favourably impressed, at least with the small rubber rafts that could be lifted by one man and cast into the sea, and would support at least 20 people. Mr. T. R. Thomas (Principal Surveyor to the British Corporation), Mr. J. T. Batey (president of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation), Mr. E. Cathery (Seamen's Union) were the other critical members of the audience who watched the handling of the boats from the lofty decks of the "Carmania."

One of the new rubber lifeboats, to hold about 40 people, costs about £250. They can either be packed away into small space, or inflated and left on deck. These boats have been used with marked success in the German Army, for pontoon bridge work, and on the training ship "Deutschland" at sea.

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During the war a British submarine, commanded by Lieutenant-Commander Guy Sharpe, was hit in the conning tower and her captain was wounded. The submarine dived quickly and could not be stopped until she rested on the bottom of the sea at a depth of 345 feet. There she remained for some time and ultimately reached the surface in safety.

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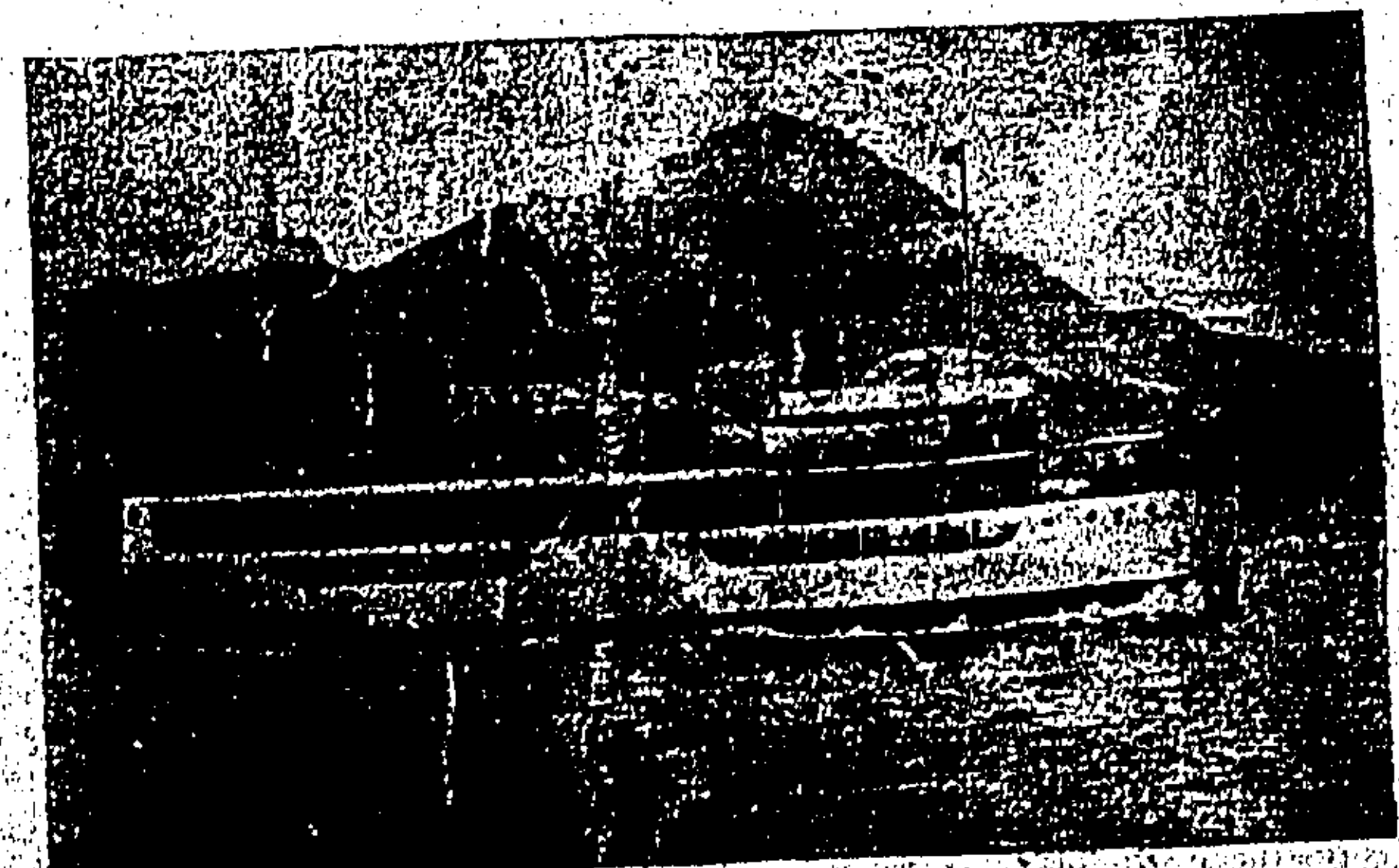
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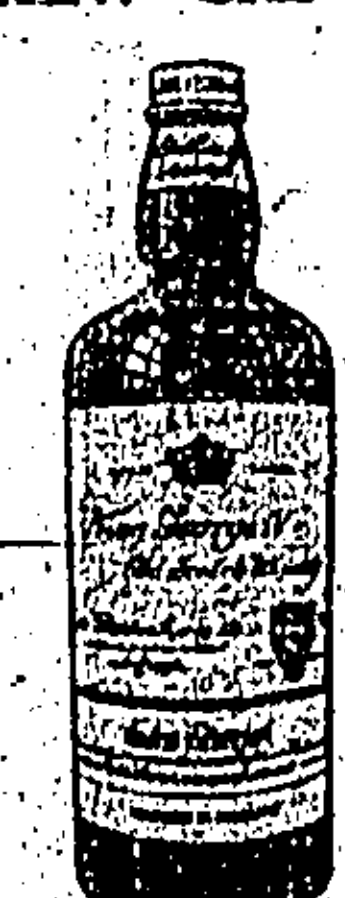
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A LOOK AROUND.

[By The Mail Men.]

Quite a number of
people asked on
Thursday, when sa-
lutes were exchanged
with H.L.J.M.'s *Ufi* (a small gunboat
from the West River), whether
H.M.S. *Kent*, the new flagship of the
China Station, had arrived. This
question led to another—whether
British warships have to salute on
entering a British port. The
answer is—they have and they
haven't. Those that do must be
bigger than a destroyer and must
carry a certain number of guns.
Their salute is, of course, addressed
to the Commodore in Charge of
Naval Establishments at Hong
Kong.

Not all ships which
come within the spe-
cialization referred to
give the salute. For
instance, if the Captain of the in-
coming vessel is senior to the Com-
modore, the arrival does not salute.
Take the case of the present Com-
modore (J. L. Pearson, C.M.G.).
He was appointed Captain in 1917.
By virtue of the position he holds,
he is Commodore 2nd class, which
is not a rank in the Royal Navy.
It is incumbent on ships the Cap-
tains of which are junior to him to
fire a salute but, again, the Com-
modore may inform officers junior to
him that they are to dispense with
doing so. Incidentally, the
Captains of all the five county-
class cruisers are all junior to the
Commodore, being appointed Cap-
tains on dates as follows:—*Berwick*
(R. S. Wykes-Sneyd, D.S.O.) April,

1918; *Cornwall* (the Hon. W. S.
Leveson Gower, D.S.O.) June, 1918;
Cumberland (A. R. W. Woods,
D.S.O.) June, 1919; *Suffolk* (Niel
O'Neill) June, 1919; *Kent* (J. Wolfe-
Murray, D.S.O.) June, 1920.

Although there are
visible signs at
Trades, every hand of con-
tinued development
in the Colony, business is "not
too good" in the local building
trade. At least that is what the
majority of contractors say. Ac-
cording to one who has been in busi-
ness for two or three decades,
there has been a tendency severely
to undercut prices, if only to obtain
work so as to keep going at only an
expense-making margin, irrespec-
tive of profit. The arrival of a
new firm, with substantial finance
backing, has rendered competition
more keen. Several big contracts
were awarded to this newcomer who
tendered at surprisingly low prices.
To give a recent example. The
lowest tender of several for recon-
structing a block of business pre-
mises in Des Voeux-road Central
was \$170,000 and the highest was
over \$180,000. The new concern
quoted under \$140,000 and secured
the work.

Competition is not the
sole cause of deprec-
ed conditions. I learn
that there are too
many workmen in the
Hong Kong building trades. Union
rates stipulate a minimum of \$1.25
a day for the qualified artisan; dur-
ing the boom of a few years ago, as
much as \$3 a day was gladly paid;
and now the best men can be en-
gaged at about \$1.50. It is remark-
able that the men in the different
branches should come from certain
districts. The Sze Yap (i.e., the
four districts forming the hinter-
land of Kowloon) supply most of
the carpenters, bricklayers, plas-
terers etc. Painters come from
Sun On (also known as Po On), the
district adjoining the New Terri-
tory frontier. Nearly all stone-
masons are Hakkas, who are either
natives of the Colony or of the
Upper East River valley or the
hinterland of Swatow. The Sze-
wul district has a monopoly of
scaffold builders. And when you
see that Sze-wul is on the banks of
the Ramboos River, a tributary of
the West River the reason is obvi-
ous.

Fewer apprentices
are going into the
Apprentices' trade al-
though there is no
apparent falling-off in recruits for
the other branches of the building
trade. This is because painters
seldom get long employment. Al-
though the actual construction of a
big building may take a year or two,
the painting and decorating takes
only a month or so. The painter in
Hong Kong gets only casual work
where others get permanent employ-
ment. It is estimated that the aver-

age painter in the Colony only
works ten days a month. No mat-
ter how many contracts his prin-
cipal may get, the artisan is only re-
warded with periods of a few days
or a week, with an interval of idles-
ness in between. In other words,
there is no inducement.

The Chinese builders
have their patron
saints. The deity who
is worshipped by the
majority of branches is set up in
every shop connected with the
trade. When the festival comes
round every year, all the men stop
work for a few days and celebrate
with music, feasting and making
merry. The carpenters, brick-
layers and matched-builders share
one patron saint. The painters
have another. The blacksmiths
worship a warrior of the Tang
Dynasty who is best described as a
mischievous bluffer. His memory is
revered because he made a wea-
pon of iron which nobody could
fashion in those days. It was awe-
inspiring in appearance but difficult
to wield and conceived in a moment
of mischief with a view to blurring
opponents.

Hong Kong by Night,
Our Bright as something to be
Light remembered, is pro-
Skyscrapers. verbal, that is, look-
ing up at the tier upon
tier of lighted houses on the steep
hillside. But we have a different
skyscraper which compares favour-
ably with other cities in the Far
East. Get on a ricksha—a motor-
car moves too fast—on Sze-chuan-
road bridge (across Sogchow Creek,
at the Post Office) in Shanghai,
going from Hongkong into the city
(i.e., from north to south); look
towards the west and you will be
duly impressed by the three roofs
with minarets on the Chinese de-
partment stores, picked out in
multi-coloured lights and standing
well above other houses. Canton
has the Sun Co. (and Hotel Asia)
a roof garden which is similarly de-
corated and can be seen from the
Bund, from inside the city, or from
Honam, across the Pearl River.

Hong Kong is not behind in this re-
spect. Coloured lights can be seen
from the harbour but the sight is
not so impressive as when viewed
from an unusual angle. Walk
along Queen's-road Central, near
the junction with Aberdeen-street,
at nine o'clock on a fine night and
you will see two very pretty roof-
gardens standing high up in the sky,
as though they were floating, with
a myriad of electric bulbs pieced to-
gether in striking designs. They
are on the Empress Hotel and the
Far Ki Hotel.

Fishing in the har-
bour, I am told, is
subject to the sea-
sons. The local sea-
son is just about to end and anglers
are about to pack up their kit for
next year. Deep-sea fishing how-
ever, is just about to begin and, of
course, is conceded to be the more
interesting pastime. If it can be
called such. To indulge in deep-sea
fishing, one has to procure—the
word is used advisedly to cover
owning, hiring or borrowing—a
boat which can take a party out,
preferably for a week-end, to well
beyond the confines of the harbour.
Two years or so ago, one such party
(including ladies) was pirated when
it was on the far side of Cap-sul-
mun, the western entrance to the
anchorage. The anglers were sur-
prised at night and caught un-
aware. Since then, deep-sea fish-
ing has fallen from fashion. There
has been talk of a revival but pros-
pects for the coming season are
none too bright because the piracy
did actually take place and is not
part of any ordinary fisherman's
story.

On passing Lyndhurst-
A Pretty terrace during these
Story. few days, one is sur-
prised to see the large
increase in the number of young wo-
men patronising the haberdashers.
This is partly due to the annual
"reduction sales" in those shops,
but the main reason lies in the fact
that the fair sex are purchasing
face powders and other things to
offer as a sacrifice to the Fairy
Princess on the seventh day of
the seventh moon (August 21,
1928), the day on which this festival
falls. This has strictly been ob-
served for centuries by Chinese
girls in memory of a young couple

who were forfeited by order of their
father and king. According to this
Chinese legend, "Chat Chick," from
whom the name of this festival is
derived, was a beautiful and indus-
trious daughter of the King of
Heaven. This talented daughter
used to weave and did a lot of fine
embroidery which greatly delighted
her father. At marriageable age,
this girl, however, fell in love with
a "cowboy." This was discovered
by the king who consented to their
marriage after much hesitation.
But, alas, this young and happy
couple were getting lazy after their
marriage and neglected to do their
work. The king, in a rage, ordered
the "cowboy" to be deported to
one side of the "Silvery River" and
"Chat Chick" to the other side, per-
mitting them to meet only once a
year—i.e. on the "double seven."

I am informed that Mr.
Chinese Leung Yuen Wo has been
Seamen. elected Chairman of the
Chinese Seamen's Asso-
ciated Union, with Mr. K. C. Leung
as Secretary. The aims of the
Union are to consolidate the divers
mass of Chinese Seamen, purging it
of all undesirable elements, more
especially those with communistic
leanings and to work for improved
and amicable relations between em-
ployer and employee, i.e., between
the shipping companies and the
Chinese seamen serving on their
vessels.

One of the places in
Kowloon noted for its
historic value is
"Sung Wong Toi." It
is situated on Ma Tau-wai, further
away from the Rope Factory, on the
right hand side of the In-road that
leads to Kowloon City. On visit-
ing the place one will find that there
is a narrow road leading to a hill
which is surrounded by low walls.
Having reached the summit, two
huge boulders firmly placed against
each other are revealed. Between
them is a space large enough for a
man to crawl in. According to the
villagers living in the vicinity, it is
alleged that once upon a time the
king of Sung was driven away from
his throne and, chased by his pur-
suer, took refuge under this rock.
In memory of such an event, the vil-
lagers carefully preserve this
place. A few years ago, it fell into
a dilapidated condition, but thanks
to the generous efforts of the vil-
lagers the place was reconditioned;
but with such poor masonry
that it has lost much of its natural
beauty.

I daresay that Miss
Strange, Maude Royden, like so
many "lions" who come
to Hong Kong, is be-
ginning to think we are a queer
crowd in this little Island-Colony.
And we are a queer crowd so far as
making a fuss of a person is con-
cerned. Anyone whose fame or
notoriety is enough to ensure him
or her half a dozen columns of
publicity anywhere else, is lucky to
extract half a column here; and
invariably that half a column has
to be supplied by the famous or
notorious one. It is not because
Hong Kong is offhand. It is be-
cause Hong Kong is different. Our
make-up comprises a curious mix-
ture. We are so self-centred that
we do not care anything about the
stranger visiting our shores. We
have—thank goodness—no Rotary
Club to turn the Colony into a
second-rate township with its
"Hall, brother—pleased to meet
yuh!" We do not go out of our
way to make newcomers welcome,
even when we know these new-
comers intend to settle down among
us and share our lives here.
Strange, isn't it?

A question often
arises— which is
Oldest Firm? the firm which has
the longest associa-
tion with the Colony? Several
names at once spring to mind. Of
these which come within the cate-
gory of "shops," there are Messrs.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. and
Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. What
about the hongs, though? Some
were in existence elsewhere say, at
Canton, before Hong Kong was
ceded to the British Crown. Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.
can claim a long history. The
Union Insurance Society of Canton,
Ltd. is another which comes to

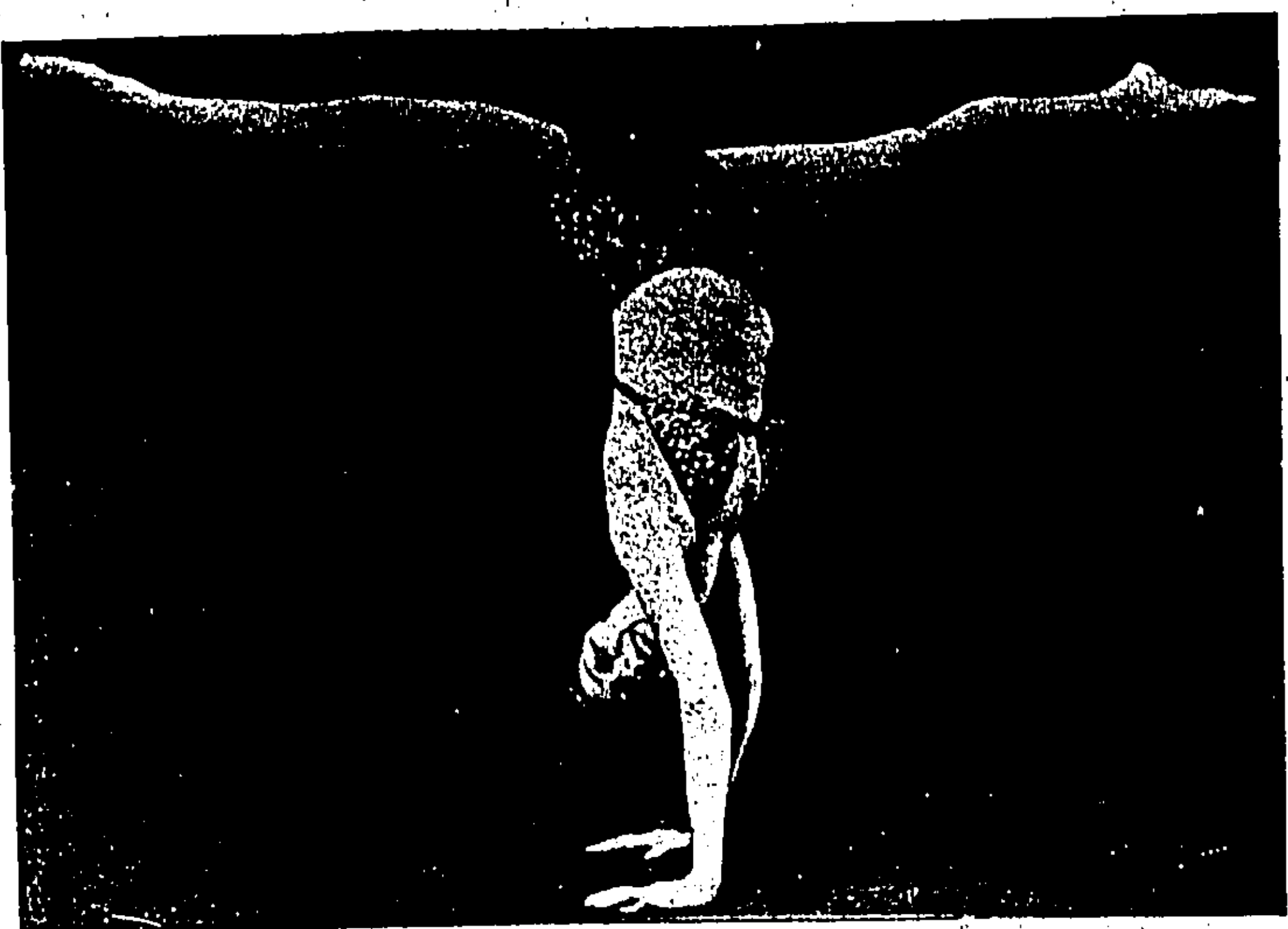
mind. The *China Mail* was estab-
lished in 1845, a few years after the
British flag was hoisted here. I
am thinking, however, of the
Chinese side of commercial life.
There must be some shops which
were opened when the British came
here from Canton and Macao.

My attention has
been drawn to the
to 1841. Kwong Woo firm, of
No. 66, Queen's-road
Central, which opened to business
here in 1841. It was in existence
previously at Canton and then
moved down to Whampoa, finally
coming down here. All along, it
has sold silks, curios, ivory etc. to
foreigners and Chinese and, more
noteworthy still, the control has
been in one family all the time.
Down at Nam Pak Hong, there is
the well known Kung Yuen Hong,
the name of which has been connect-
ed with Saigon rice for decades. Its
history was recalled a good many
years ago when the branches of the
founder's family were in dis-
pute in a long case in the
Supreme Court. The Man On In-
surance Co. must surely be the
oldest Chinese insurance company
in Hong Kong for it began opera-
tions long ago.

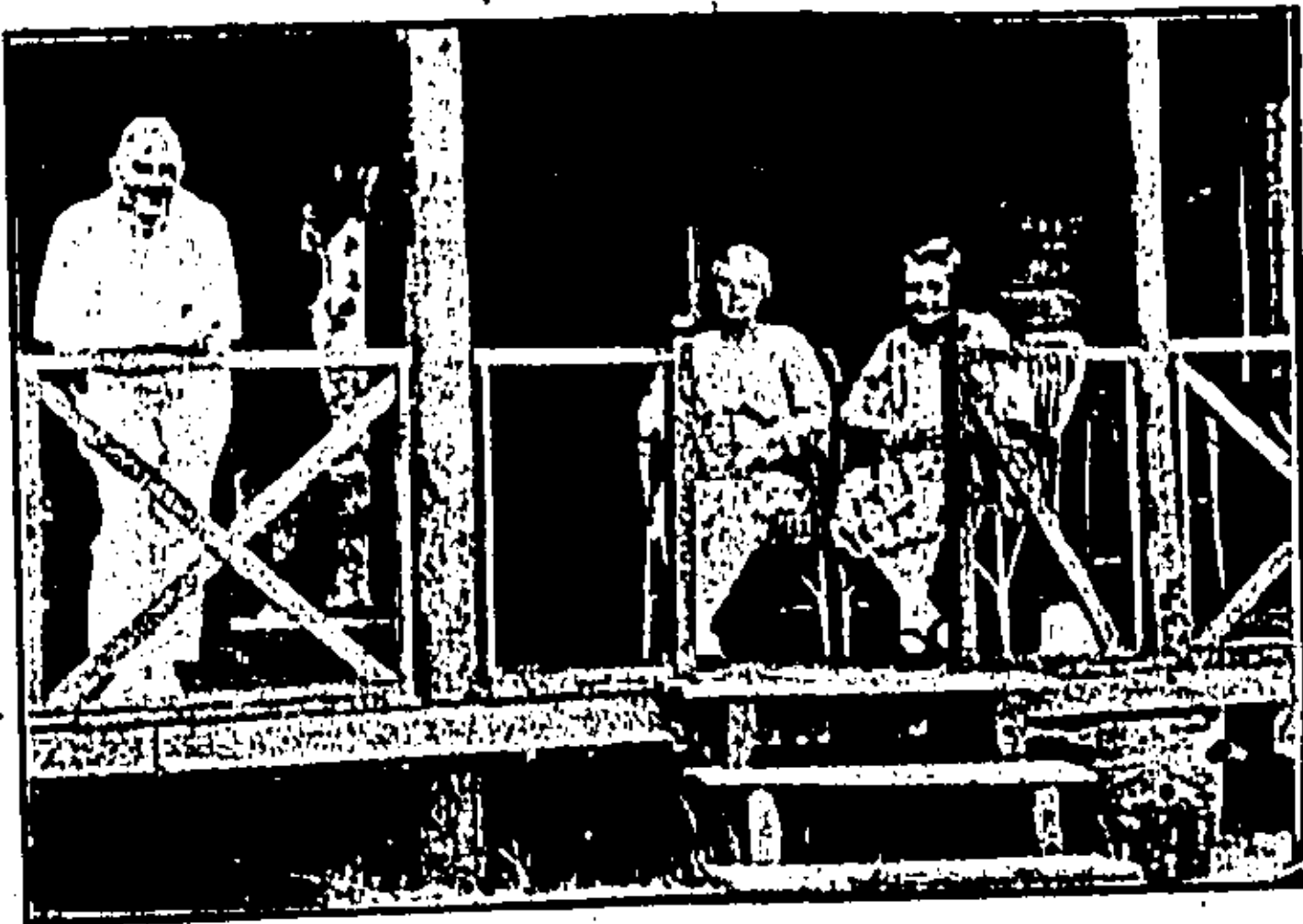
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Soldier's Furlough
Home has been organised on
Cheung Chau (Dumbell) Island,
which is about an hour and a quar-
ter by steam-launch from Blake
Pier. The idea, of course, is a
place where the Tommies can get a
rest and a holiday during the sum-
mer. There are, I think, nine bath-
ing beaches on Cheung Chau. In
addition, the "boys" can get out-
door games and indoor recreation.
The originator and organiser is Mr.
Gibbon, an Army Scripture Reader,
who stays out at Cheung Chau and
looks after the Home. Inquiries can
be made at the Cheong O Naval
and Military Y.M.C.A. at the City
Hall. Tickets can be obtained there
and men can arrange to meet there
and be conducted to the ferry to
make the trip out. Applications
will have to be made, in the first
instance, to officers commanding
units, for permission to go. The
inclusive charge is \$1.50 a day, for
which everything is provided. It
is a happy idea of the National City
Bank to lend their house at Cheung
Chau for this purpose and one
which will be welcomed by the
troops in the garrison. I trust it
will meet with the success it de-
serves.

Last week I revealed
Poor Bank some bank secrets;
Clerks. now I am going to
disclose another in-
teresting morsel having to do with
those hard-fisted institutions that
soullessly swallow our monthly
cheques. It has to do, however,
more with the personnel than the
banks themselves—here it is:

PICTURES OF LOCAL INTEREST



MISS CHERIE VALENTINE, who, together with her equally clever partner, Miss Tomasita Birdwell, will give repeat performances of their novel song and dance items at the Queen's Theatre for one whole week commencing Sunday.



SITTING OUT ON THE BEACH.—Mr. Wm. Anderson and Mrs. Wm. Anderson (extreme right) in their pavilion at Repulse Bay bathing beach, with a friend, sitting out and enjoying the breeze.



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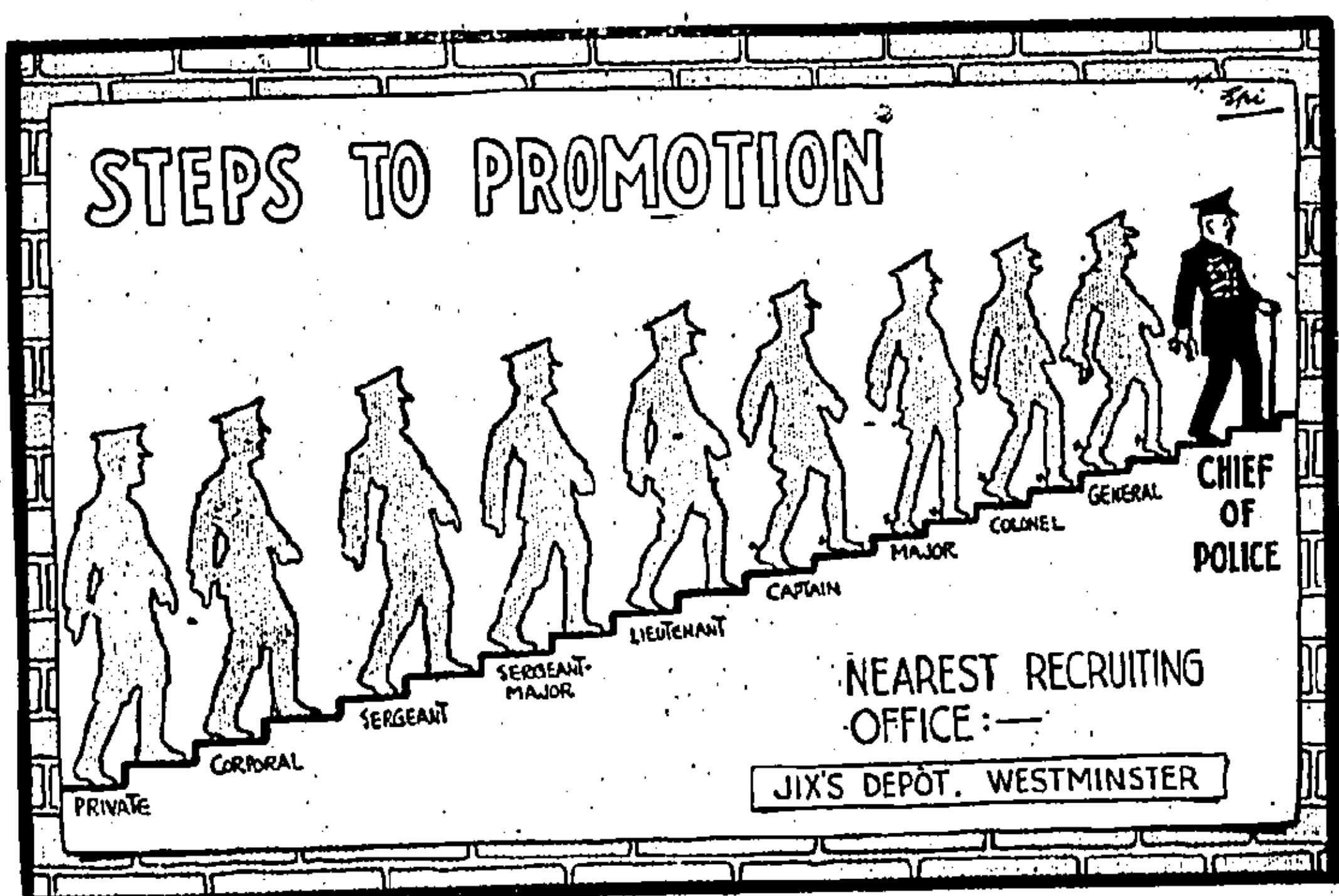
CHINESE BASEBALL JUNIORS.—The team which played for the Boy Scouts of the South China Athletic Association in the junior baseball league last Saturday and has been doing well throughout the season.—(Welcome Studio).



UNIQUE DECORATIONS.—At the Methodist Church, Yunnanfu, on July 18, for the wedding of the Rev. K. W. May and Miss C. M. Dymond. The decoration was on the plan of an archway of bamboos up the aisle which met overhead, and where the bride and bridegroom stood, there was a canopy of bamboo from which was suspended a large bell covered with green and decorated with white flowers. The aisle was covered with pine needles over which were strewn nasturtium blooms.



ALL THAT CAN BE SEEN OF A 9,000 TONS STEAMER.—Only the davits of the French s.s. "Cap Lay" are standing (left foreground) out of the water, as seen in this photo. She was dashed against the "needles" cliff in the background on July 15 in the first typhoon of the season to visit this part of the China coast, passing within 100 miles of Hong Kong on July 14 but going much nearer Haiphong, in Indo-China. The "Cap Lay" went ashore at Henrietta Pass in Baie d'Along. A large number lost their lives, including the ship's surgeon. Many passengers were torn by the waves from the rock to fall back into the water between the base of the declivity and the sinking ship. (See article on page 4.)

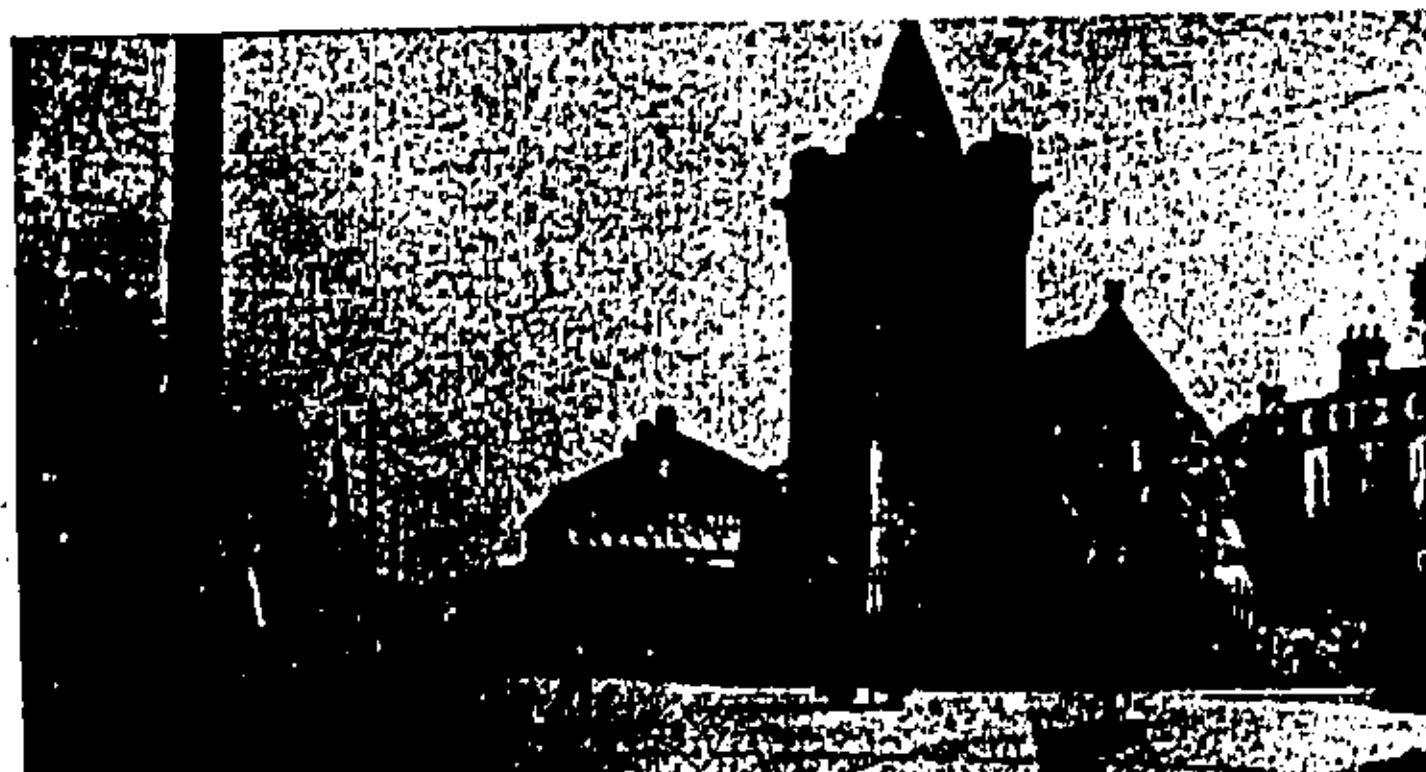


(With acknowledgments to "Reynolds.")

HOW TO GET ON.—Here is a nice little cartoon which will open the eyes of our military men out here. It shows at a glance the progress one can make in the Army. "Join the Army and see the World," used to be the slogan. Now it is, "Join the Army and get to be a No. 1 Copper." This job is not so difficult to attain as one would imagine, as the picture shows. Even our No. 1 Copper in Hong Kong is not a real Copper in the spirit of the term, though he did not secure his billet through his Army service. He is an important person, though, being the No. 1 Fireman as well as the No. 1 Copper. The man who holds down this job in England is Earl Byng, of Vimy, a famous soldier. Hence the cartoon.



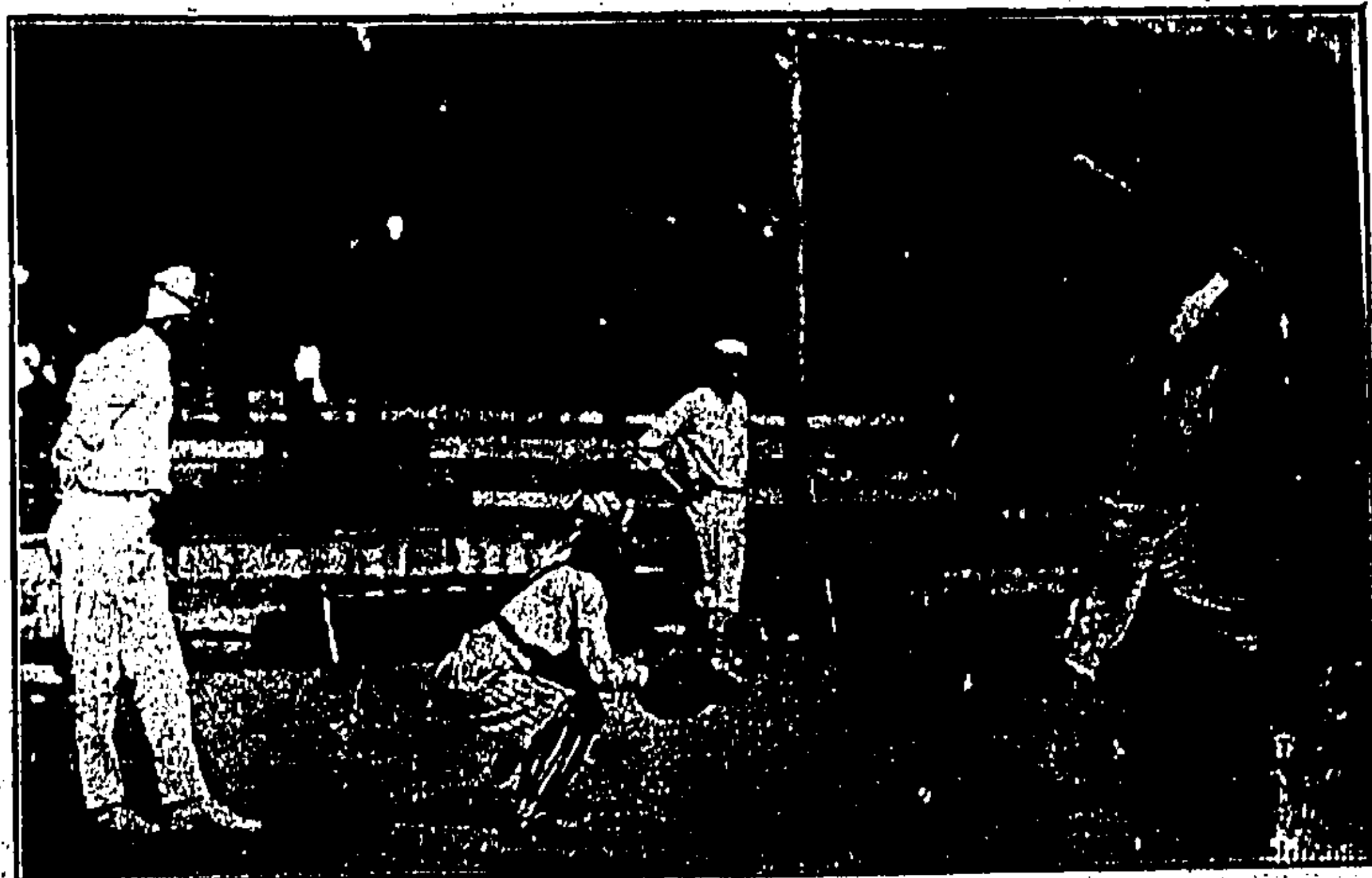
CHARLIE CHAPLIN



CHEFOO "OLD" CHURCH.—One of the picturesque buildings to be seen in the North China summer resort, in Shantung, where "Northern" troops have been making trouble lately.



TAIKOO RECREATION CLUB'S TEAM.—In division I of the Lawn Bowls League last Saturday, when they lost by a narrow margin after a splendid game to Craigengower Cricket Club. The team comprised:—J. C. Chalmers, T. Grimshaw, C. B. Matthews, N. Drummond (skip); A. Stalker, J. J. Whyte, G. McLeod, J. Ferguson (skip); J. Laing, J. Chapman, J. Russell, R. Wallace (skip).—(Welcome Studio).



AT PLAY ON THE "DIAMOND".—Play in progress at Happy Valley last Saturday, when the "Dragons" of South China A.A. narrowly defeated Hong Kong Baseball Club in the senior division after two extra innings for each side.—(Welcome Studio).



ANOTHER CLOSE GAME.—Here is another view of the Ferguson v. Bradbury rink in last Saturday's league bowls match at Taikoo, the former winning by 19 shots to 18.—(Welcome Studio).



IN CHARMING SURROUNDINGS.—"The Kiosk" which has been erected by Messrs. Greaves & Co. at Repulse Bay, behind the bathing sheds and where "Magnolia" ice cream, cold drinks, teas, sandwiches and other refreshments can be had by swimming and bathing parties. "The Kiosk" makes deliveries to private sheds and has tables laid out under the trees.—(Welcome Studio).

THE "MAIL'S" FASHIONS ILLUSTRATED.

FEMININE FRILLS AGAIN ARE WORN

Femininity in Dress—Emphasizes the Return of Ruffles and Sashes, of Organdies and Laces of Delicate Appeal.



The fluffy ruffle girl of many years ago has come into her own upon the wave of femininity that has swept the country. The lure of the flying draperies and the soft sweep of laces and the flutter of ribbons have all prevailed upon the mode to establish a distinctly feminine aspect and bring to the front a girl of fluffily designed frocks.

First and foremost in the trend towards styles of long ago are seen the return of the sash and the length of the skirt towards the ankle rather than up to the knees. The evening mode, of course, establishes the frilly type of gown most successfully upon the summer season. Generally speaking, the formal gown is divided into two groups—one in which heavy and rich materials create interesting robes des style and the other in which fluttering and delicate fabrics form picturesque frocks of graceful appeal.

Organdy, too, is appearing upon the scene with renewed interest. Both the afternoon and evening frocks of organdy are extremely chic. They are pretty generally sleeveless with wide and quite long skirts trimmed with lace and

handwork. Ribbon sashes here introduce a quaint note. This type of frock is popular in taffeta as well. The basque bodice and long full skirt being interesting details of a feminine mood in clothes.

Frills and fichus and the scarf that lends such individuality all play their parts in giving a graceful and feminine aspect to the summer dresses.

Flounced and bouffant frocks, however, are not essentially of a period type. Many of them are of original designs, and merely emphasize the demand for the feminine in clothes.

Dorothy Mackaill, seen in "Lady Be Good," her newest First National motion picture, illustrates the new mode in fashion for summer in a flit lace frock combined with chiffon in a delicate shade of shell pink. The skirt of irregular length consists of two ruffles of lace attached to a bodice of the pink chiffon. The old-fashioned bertha with a deep back is made interesting with bows and a ribbon streamer of chiffon at the shoulder. A large, transparent hat of horsehair and chiffon and a ruffled parasol complete a picture of femininity that carries back memories of the fluffy ruffle girl of bygone days.

THE ENSEMBLE IN REVIEW.

Even the woman who cares little for her clothes—and there are such women, strange as it may seem, knows that the ensemble is the thing! And it is an undeniable fact that back of everything in the mode is the scheme of the ensemble, whether that thing be sports, street, afternoon or evening in its type. So it narrows down to a question of what is smartest in the groups that meet every need of the busy summer day.

To list every fabric and colour combination that one might see, even in a day's shopping, would be an impossibility. But a review of representative costumes from each group will be possible and prove of interest. Perhaps one may be more to your individual needs and taste than another, if so, that is the smartest, for your special purpose. You should be able to find type, colour, fabric and styling to your liking.

The ensemble practical, for general uses at home and travel anywhere, is of tweed. One can list many possibilities in the tweed group—coat and skirt of tweed, worn with a silk, crepe or jersey jumper, or with one of the many fetching sweaters. Upon the blouse depends the formality or informality of the ensemble. Then there are one-piece dresses combined with the coats, the former often combined with another material.

In the sports group one finds flannel, jersey, linen and fabrics kin to them. Printed linens and cottons are used in these costumes and they are very smart. Then there are outfits made up of a flannel skirt, worn with a jumper in another shade or colour, the two linked together with a blazer jacket that combines the two colours. One may not fail to mention the knitwear ensembles, many of them with interwoven metal threads.

One moves on into another group that has just a bit more of the formal about it, yet is not too formal for practical uses. There is a cloth coat, perhaps, in a twilled weave, or a coat of the new basket-weave tweed. The frock is of silk or crepe, printed or plain, and the coat is lined with the frock fabric. There is a wide range of colours and patterns in this group, making a satisfactory choice a probability.

As we approach the formal ensemble we become lost in a maze of colour, soft materials and intricate lines, for the possibilities seem unlimited. When formality rules, the coat is usually of silk—many say that the silk ensemble is the very smartest fashion of the season. There are several types of it; among them the one made up of printed silk frock and printed silk coat, the frock and coat of plain silk, and the plain coat over a print.

Instantly one is lost in a maze of speculation, for possibilities of combination are unlimited. The

THE SUMMER SPORTS MODE IS VARIED AS WELL AS INTERESTING

Two, Three and Four-Piece Ensembles in Wool, Silk and Wool, All Silk and the Attractive Linen and Cotton Fabrics in Plain and Printed Patterns Are Worn for Sports.



The summer wardrobe is proving

a lighter, brighter and gayer affair this season because of the variety to be found in the sports clothes so essential to summer chic. Everywhere the demand for sports clothes is increasing. And increasingly smart are the ensembles that receive their inspiration in Paris shops. A variety in the styles as well as an unusually varied assortment of fabrics are outstanding features of the simple yet colourful clothes found at fashionable resorts.

Aglow with colour are these smart frocks of the sport type seen at races, country clubs, seaside, mountains and restaurants. They are fashionably correct as long as there is daylight—then the feminine in clothes succeeds them in softer chiffons, organdies and laces. Sleeveless crepe de Chine, printed and washable linens, tub silks, silk or cotton piques as well as the very fashionable blendings of silk and wool or the very fine all wool weaves.

The ensemble of pastel flannel is extremely smart. It consists of the sleeveless frock, severely simple with a cape of matching flannel simply designed and trimmed,

perhaps, with tucking or applique in a long roll collar.

Linen is becoming an important material in fashioning summer sports clothes. Just as in silks and woollens ensembles are stressed in linen and the smartest effects are in simple one piece dresses—often sleeveless and worn with a jacket or coat of matching or contrasting linen. Sport coats are short, three quarters or long and are quilted, embroidered or possess handsome cut work.

The sweater costume is as popular as ever and there are many new and interesting models to increase its favour. The sweater, skirt, and scarf combination is a youthfully chic. Cardigan effects are very smart in the very fine woollens and kashas effect coats

are seen everywhere. In fact both one and two-piece dresses effect coats and the ensemble idea is shown to best advantage in these cardigan suits.

However, the demand for coats of all types is asserting itself and the blazer coat is one of youth's own favourites. The modernistic chintz coat in brilliant colouring and lined in handkerchief linen is a novelty that is attracting more and more attention. It is especially well adapted to beach and tennis costumes.

Kerchiefs and scarfs that still add chic to the ensemble are new and designed to create a stunning result. Monograms are very desirable on kerchiefs right now. Socks for tennis and golf are interesting and their tops may match the costume in colour and design. Pocket books, belts, parasols, hats and shoes all contribute important items to a successful appearance.

Billy Dove, seen in First National's "The Yellow Lily," has considered little things to add to her very charming appearance in a sports costume of black and white. The socks with black tops present a novelty of distinction.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS.

plain coat, especially if it is black, will do for so very many different frocks, plain or printed. The printed coat will be smart with a plain frock as well as the print that matches, and it will be ultra smart over white. Two coats will open the way to a really extended wardrobe of plain and printed frocks.

And there are jacket coats and long coats to be made into these ensembles, the former rather more limited in its possibilities than the latter. Usually the jacket is worn over a sleeveless dress in one or two pieces, and can be placed in the sports group, if one wishes to stretch a point. Some of the coats are full-length, while others are three-quarters or seven-eighths, and many of them are not lined at all.

An ensemble made up of a pleated skirt of sailor blue moire, below a white moire silk jumper, has a short jacket of the blue moire. The jumper is sleeveless and has applique simulating the neckerchief of a sailor's uniform done in the blue. A one-piece frock of navy Georgette is worn with a coat of navy taffeta, stitched in a curious design with gold thread. These two shows the possibilities of this group.

But they are not as formal as the ensemble that uses chiffon or Georgette with a silk coat. Yet in this type of an ensemble the coats are severely simple; some of them furled, but most of them not. Crepe, satin and the silks are the fabric choice. When a printed material is the choice for the

other, were of felt, small and brimmed.

Both prints and chiffons are exceedingly versatile in their activities, so far as the new mode is concerned. Printed chiffon and plain are important in both the daytime and the evening mode, and there are many effective combinations of chiffon with lace. The chiffon frock for daytime wear has sleeves, while the evening gown does not, the latter shows greater vagaries of the hemline than the former, otherwise they are somewhat the same. There are so many things one can do with chiffon, and no matter how many panels, draperies or godets there may be, one is still impressed with the slenderness of the model.

Summer brings colour into the footwear field, and it brings wonderful cloths to rival leather as a slipper material. We have become somewhat accustomed to red and blue, and with the various shades of reptilian leathers. But now there is green and peach and jade and rose and beige and sapphire and topaz! And there are slippers of patterned materials done in gay, flashing colours. Silks and cloths and linens are to be had, plain textures and those of woven strips. There are linens—Irish, natural, embroidered. And there are the sandals of straw, cleverly woven, in colours cleverly combined. They're using the most fragile of the silks and the crepe de chine, indeed, they're using any material that comes to hand.

SUMMER SPORTS COAT

All white is At The Height of Its Mode for Resorts—Printed Effects, Too, Are Exceedingly Popular.



With the summer season in full blast it is interesting to note the return to popularity of the all white costume. White at the seaside, white at the country club and white at the mountains all show that the summer girl is selecting at least one white coat to complete a successful ensemble.

All white in heavy georgettes and crepe satins is used for formal effects everywhere. This type of coat would, of course, appear ill at ease upon the beach, whereas it is exceedingly happy to complete a formal afternoon or evening ensemble. Woollens in pure white are seen but the "off" shades sponsored this season are newer. These in oddly woven woollen or silk and woollen materials are just the thing for sports.

Pique and linen, too, are finding

it a profitable season. They are used in many of the straightline coats that complete the sports costumes. Cotton fabrics, by the way, are having an unusually popular season. In the printed effects they are very chic and many printed coats, complete interesting ensembles.

Doris Dawson, who appears in the first National picture, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," in selecting a smart sports ensemble, chose all white for youthfulness, charm and chic. Miss Dawson's sweater coat was of white silk and wool mixture and possessed a very smart swag as to line. It was made doubly interesting by the use of a Deauville scarf in which red, white and blue tones predominated. This and the tops of the socks and Deauville slippers supplied the only colour relief.

NEW MILLINERY.

Large hats will only be a success if hot weather and much sunshine come. Nevertheless, milliners are preparing lovely models for smart race-going.

The hat sketched above is an instance. The brim is in deep rose crinoline with edging and crown of black bakou straw. Two colours in a hat offer a useful way of accentuating the scheme of a dress or ensemble, now that so many two-colour printed crepe de chine, satins, and chiffons are being utilised.

Two-Material Brims.

Two materials in a brim not only give a hat added interest, but also a lighter and often prettier look. It is a device frequently seen these days when felt and straw, straw and lace, crepe de chine and straw lace, and other fabrics are allied.

The Sketch on the Right.

Thus the hat of black bangkok sketched has a brim of waxed lace and a trimming of waxed ribbon. For the picture model with the drooping brim, dyed Tuscan straw is used, while the small fine straw cloche shape has a large "carnation" of glove kid and chiffon as trimming.

The coat frock will give the clever needlewoman an idea for refurbishing a dress, for the collar and cuffs in spotted crepe de chine are an easy means of lending a great air of interest and distinctiveness.

Although hats of the moment are not very much trimmed, the trimmings there are certainly very interesting.

A little slouch hat which accompanied a Kashmir cloth ensemble I saw recently was black bangkok straw, very simply ornamented with a length of black corded ribbon, but finished off at one side with a beautiful silver buckle encrusted with small diamonds. The note of black was repeated in the buttonhole—a real carnation dyed black! This quaint idea of tinting real flowers was launched at Cannes and it caught on at once. Chic women have grown tired of wearing artificial buttonholes, "Daily Mail."

OUT OF THE ARMY!

The trench coat is making progress, and we find it a uniform of utter smartness! In its original form it was a possession of an officer, then it came into the feminine wardrobe via the rainy day route. Its swagger usefulness won it friends, and as a result it graduated from the stormy weather group to general use as a daytime, street coat. And designers began to do things with it!

Of course it is still to be had in the rubberized fabrics that make it rain-apparel, and very smart it is! But you can choose it in gray, tan or natural chamamois, warmly lined, in cotton gabardine, unlined, in wool gabardine, full plaid lined or in twill, also plaid lined. Belted, pocketed and cut on lines that are dashing in the extreme, it is, indeed, a utility coat with a difference.

even those made of snake or lizard skins.

In Quarter-Latin Style. A lovely model of the tam o' shanter order had a crown of finely shirred black taffetas attached to a close-fitting turban made of silver lamé. The taffetas crown bagged over the right ear after the manner of the velvet berets which are still worn by Quarter-Latin students. Another "tam" crown, this time made of dark green velvet, was cleverly planted on a bandeau of jet-embroidered chiffon, a dark green osprey sticking out at one side.

For Race-Going.

An Ascot or Grand Prix hat took the form of a Tuscan cloche with quilted ribbons in three shades of brown decorating the crown and falling in long loops at the right side. This hat had been specially designed to go with a flimsy frock of beige, chiffon which had loops and ends of brown ribbons, the same shades as those on the hat, fluffing out under a series of pleated flounces. An effective touch of colour was introduced in a garnet-and-lilac-silver neck chain. It is worthy of note that garnets are again fashionable. I have seen these pretty stones encrusted on serpent skin sacks with the best results—Villiers, Paris, in the "Daily Mail."

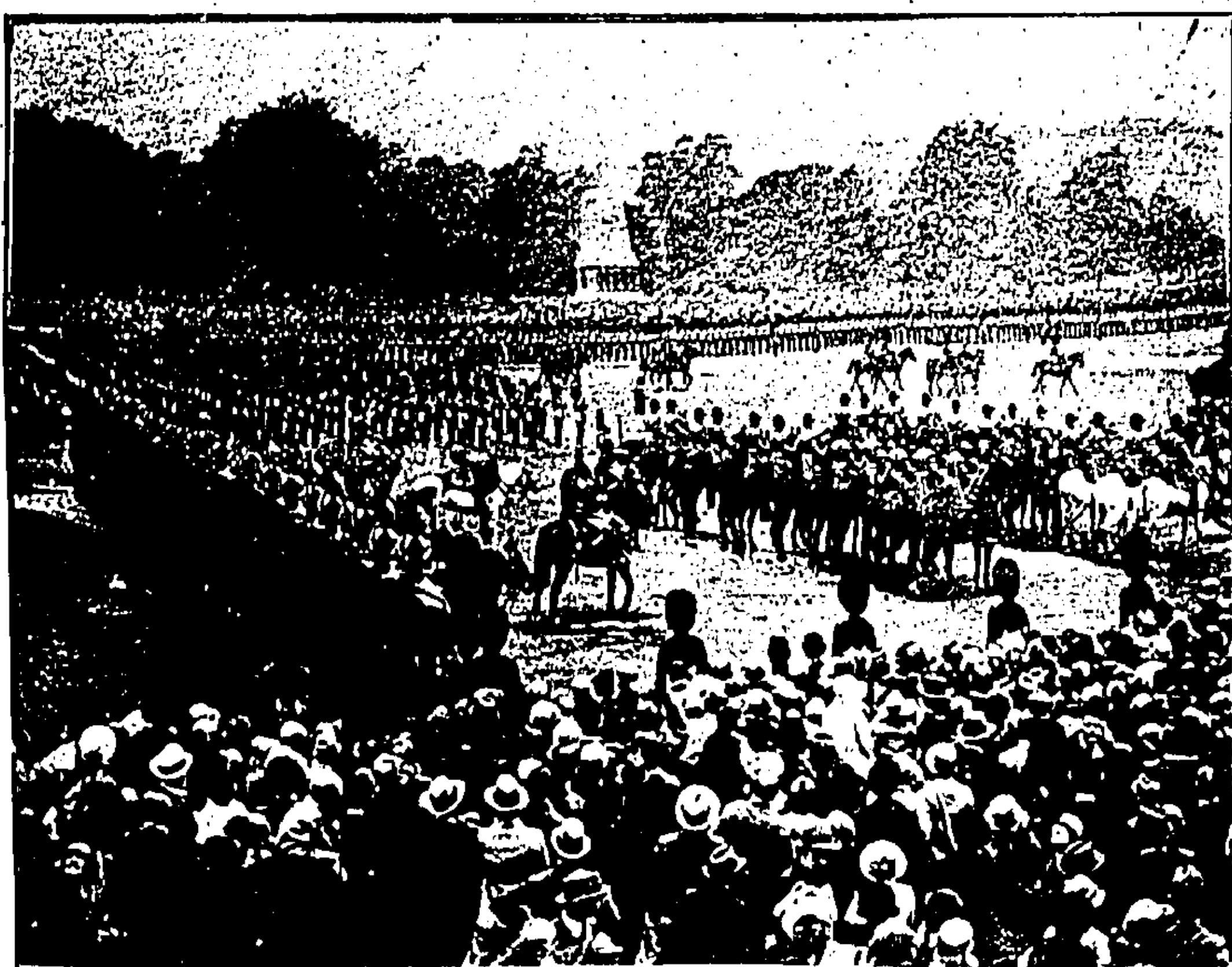
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BOUND FOR HAPPINESS AND SUNSHINE.—A holiday scene at Waterloo station, London, typical of many to be seen at all the London termini on August Bank Holiday. A long spell of hot weather at Home has induced greater crowds than ever to seek the seaside or the country. Here is seen part of the crowd about to go on one of the trains.—(Sport and General).



THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN.—In Nottingham, where they paid a visit to the great Royal Agricultural Show, in which both The King and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales exhibited. Their Majesties were accorded a great welcome. This is a pleasing picture of Their Majesties as they drove along the large ring and inspected the parade of cattle.—(Sport and General).



A SIGHT WHICH HAS NO PARALLEL IN THE WORLD.—The imposing military spectacle of Trooping the Colour on the Horse Guards parade, London. This is a general view of the ceremony, with thousands of spectators on both sides.—(Sport and General).



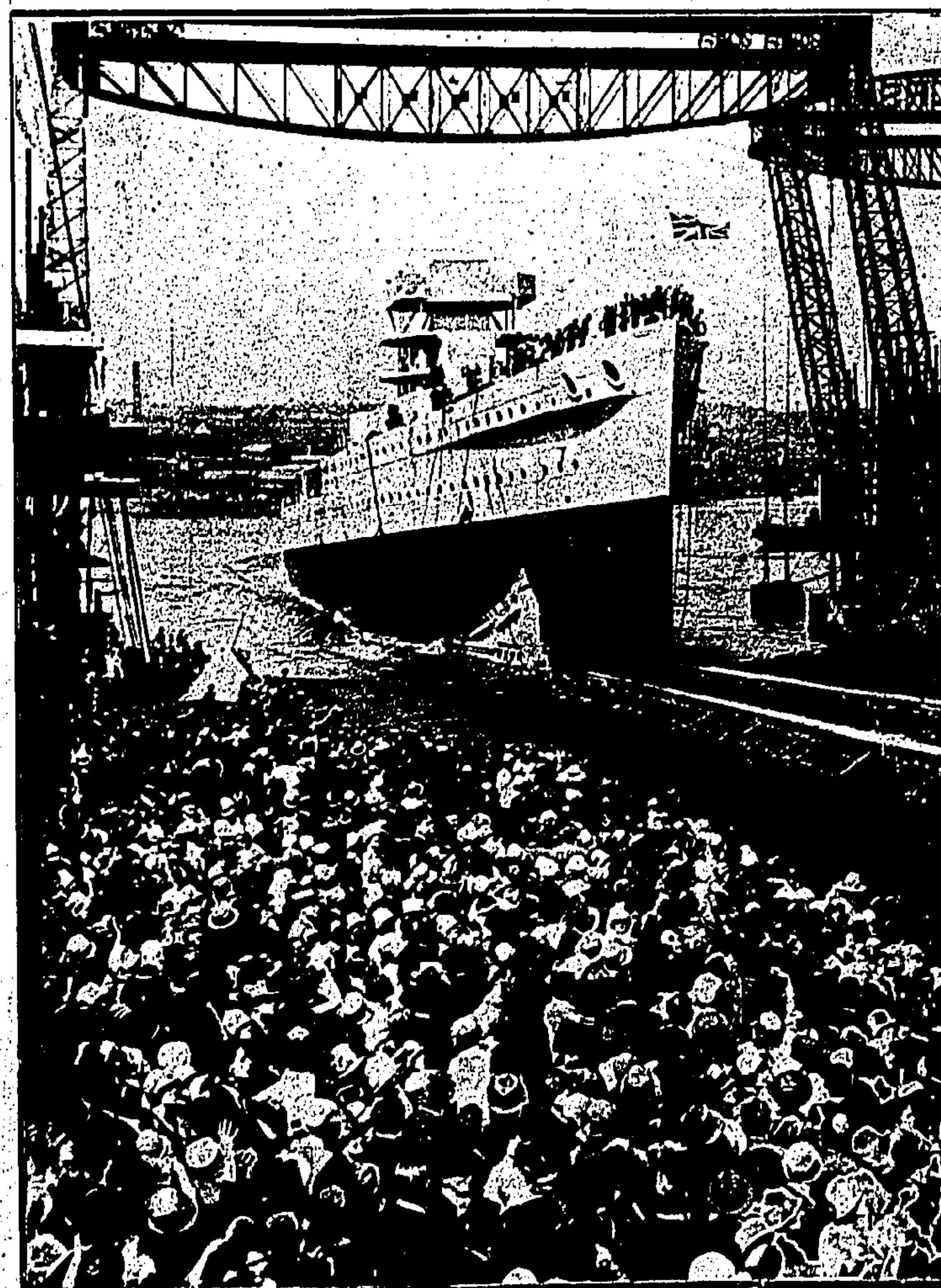
WOMEN ATHLETES AT Stamford Bridge.—At the 6th women's amateur athletic association championships. Miss K. Hitani (the Japanese Olympic competitor, left), made new records in various events.—(Sport and General).



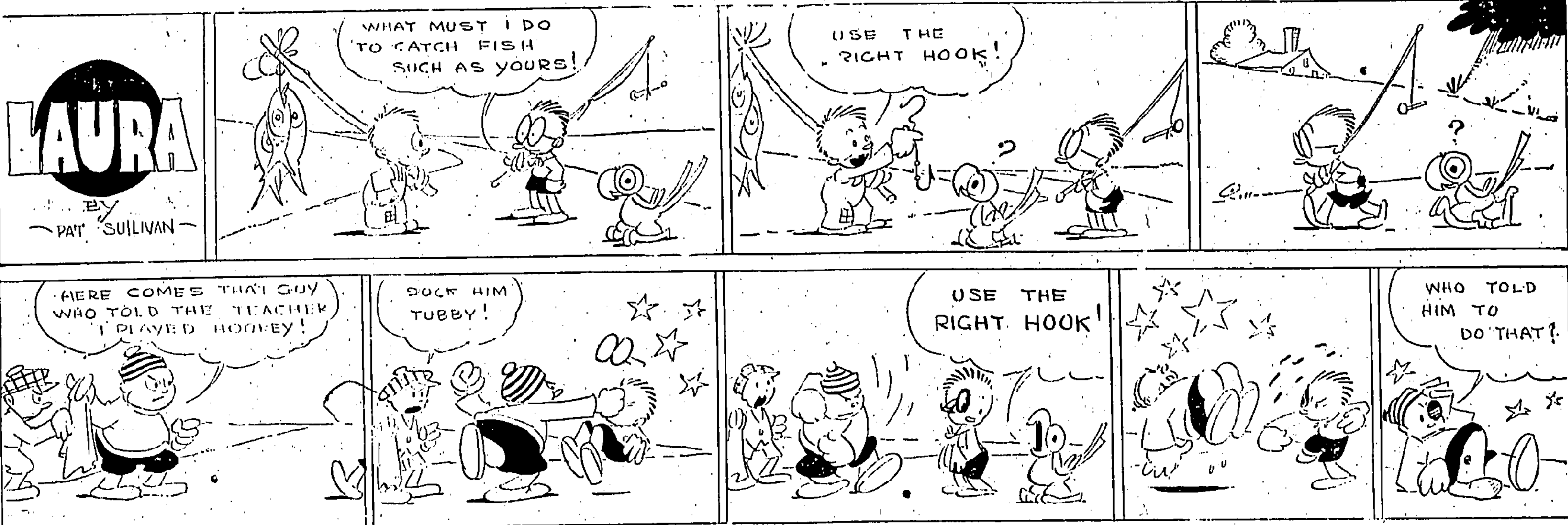
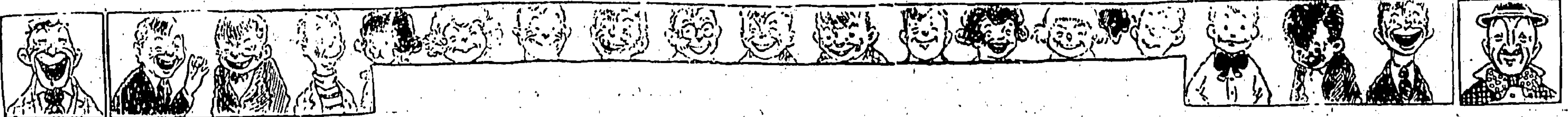
SWAN-UPPING ON THE THAMES.—Marking the King's Cygnets. Every year the King's swan markers proceed up the Thames to cut identification marks on the beaks of the young cygnets belonging to His Majesty. The ownership of the swans is vested in the King, the Dyers Company and the Vintners' Company, each being represented by a swan marker. This ancient custom dates back from the 16th century. A pretty picture of the King's swans with their cygnets after being marked.—(Sport and General).



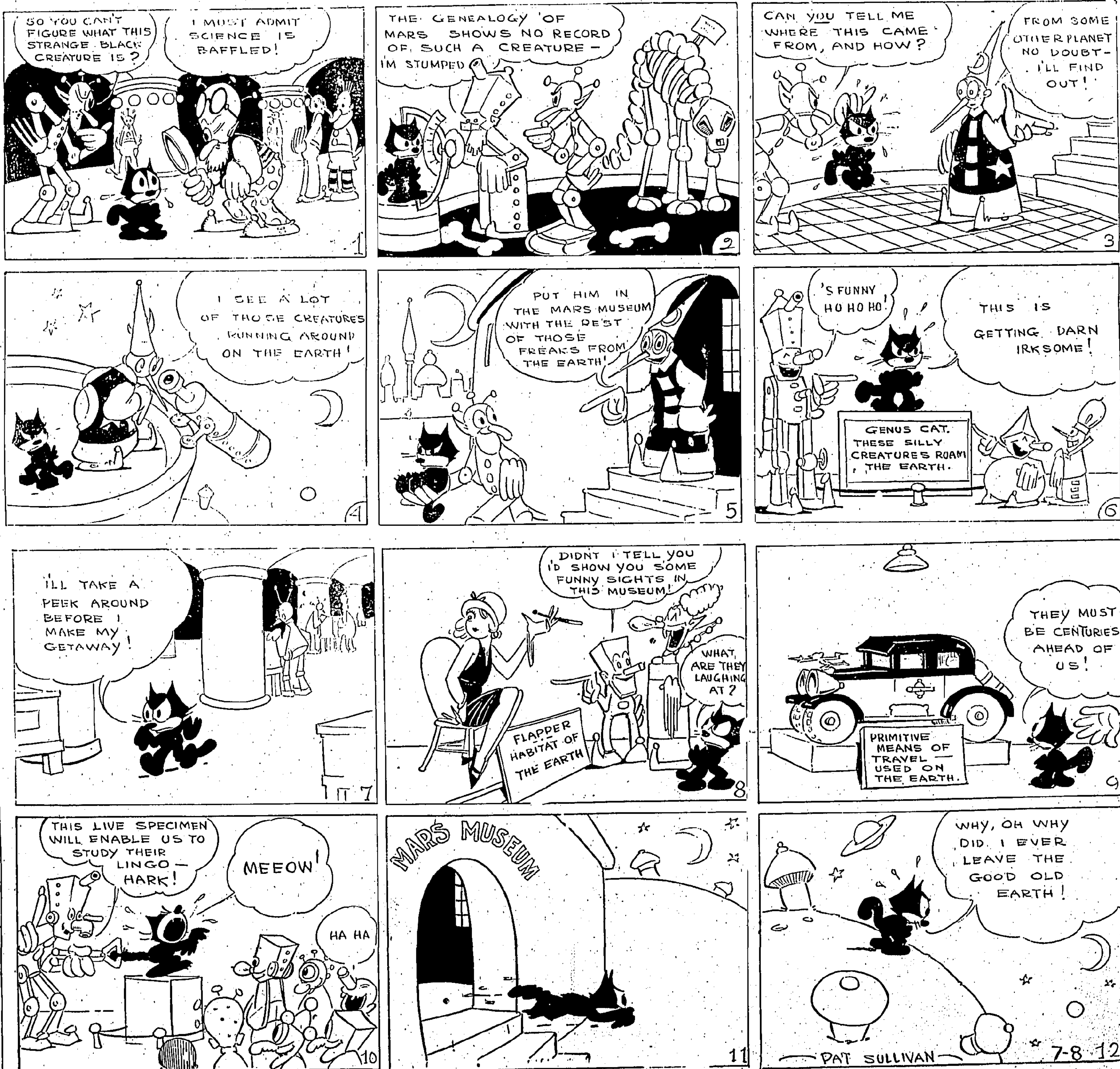
THEN AND NOW !—Here is a distinct contrast in women's sports wear. On the left is a costume worn as late as 1912 but which ladies will probably doubt as having ever existed. At any rate, it must have impeded the movement of the javelin thrower. On the right is a girl who "gets well down to it." Note the shorts, socks, running shoes and the roomy jumper. No wonder records were smashed by the fair sex in the Olympic Games at Amsterdam these last few weeks.—(Sport and General).



ANOTHER NEW CRUISER.—H.R.H. the Duchess of York performed the christening ceremony at the launch of H.M.S. "York." The Duke of York was also in attendance. "York" is the first of the "B" class of cruisers bearing the Duchess's name, and will displace 8,400 tons. Her main armaments comprise six 8 in. guns and it is believed that she will prove a more useful type of cruiser than the "Kent" and "London" groups. Above is a general view of "York" leaving the slipway.—(Sport and General).



Felix



RUSSIAN WIDOW.

HER HUSBAND'S ESTATE IN HONG KONG.

DIFFICULTIES, STRAIGHTENED.

How the widow of a Russian, formerly employed in the Chinese Maritime Customs and who died after the Great War, encountered difficulties in the matter of his estate in Hong Kong, now valued at only \$500, was revealed yesterday in the granting of letters of administration to Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, her attorney.

She was the wife of Anatol (or Anatos) Alexandrovitch Zemlinsky, who died after the Russian Revolution, on Jan. 4, 1920. She has since re-married.

The husband was in the Customs for 15 years. In 1914, on the outbreak of the war, he joined the Russian Army. After the Revolution, he was forced to remain in the Army and died of spotted typhus.

The widow was unable to obtain official confirmation of his death for some time because communication between Russia and elsewhere was severed in 1920-1923.

Came to China Twice.

In 1923, however, a colleague of her late husband made enquiries at various banks and eventually discovered estate in Shanghai so she decided to come to China to obtain possession of it. Owing to difficulties in obtaining a passport she was only able to reach Peking at the end of 1924 where she was advised to present her case to the Mixed Court. This she did and obtained letters of administration.

Believing that everything had been attended to, she returned to Russia but in August, 1925, she learned that difficulties had appeared as the decision of the Shanghai Mixed Court was not sufficient to enable the release of Green Island Cement shares. She again succeeded in leaving Russia and reached Paris and, after her second marriage, came to China the second time, the shares being registered in Hong Kong.

AIR "PULLMAN."

NEW GERMAN GIANT NEARLY READY.

While the world is hailing the Bremen flight as a pioneer adventure, work is proceeding at Berlin, according to a message from that capital, rapidly but unobtrusively, on a powerful long-distance flying boat which promises to be a big advance towards the transformation of Trans-oceanic flying from a precarious exploit to a regular commercial enterprise.

Since last December the Rohrbach Works have been building for the Luftansa the flying boat "Romer," which is designed for a 2,500-mile radius of action. Working day and night they expect to complete the machine not later than the end of the month, and two exactly similar models, also for the Luftansa, are already well advanced.

The all-metal boat, standing on the stocks in the unpretentious sheds of the Rohrbach Works, makes sturdy and formidable impression. It strikes one at once by the appearance of the extreme narrowness—only two passengers can sit side by side—and tallness in proportion to the 81-feet span from the prow to the tip of the long tapering stern.

And it strikes one next by the appearance of eminent seaworthiness against a forced descent on turbid waters. Its windows are small portholes, and it is divided into eight compartments with watertight doors. Any two of these compartments can fill with water without in any way impairing the buoyancy of the boat, which is therefore almost unsinkable, except by collision or heavy battering.

A further idea of the "Romer's" size may be gained from the dimensions of the wings. The span from tip to tip is 121½ feet, their maximum breadth 30 feet, and their maximum depth nearly 4½.

19 Tons Full Load.

Three Bavarian Motor Works Via. 800 horse-power engines will be placed side by side on lofty mountings rising above the centre of the boat on alignment with the wings, so that the height from propeller tip to ground will be no less than 27½ feet.

Provision is made for eight detachable petrol tanks to be carried by each wing. The number, can thus be easily varied for flights of 750, 1,700 and 2,500 miles respectively. The machine will weigh 93 tons empty and 19 tons with a full load. The maximum speed, with a full load, will be about 125 miles per hour.

The machine will possess a carrying capacity of 12 passengers with sleeping accommodation, together with a crew of four and a

QUEER CASE.

STORY OF TWO DIAMOND RINGS.

STARTLING STATEMENT.

Criminal proceedings in which Lam Chung-ming and Lai Yu-tong, two partners in a local Chinese firm were concerned, came to an abrupt ending in Major C. Willson's Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Lam Chung-ming was the complainant and Lai Yu-tong the defendant, and the case concerned two diamond rings which Lam alleged he had entrusted to Lai to raise money on for the purpose of the business. Lai was alleged to have pawned the rings and misappropriated the money.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the prosecution, while the defendant was represented by Mr. Frank X. D'Almada.

When the case was mentioned yesterday afternoon after an adjournment from last week, Mr. Russ said that yesterday his interpreter received a letter from the complainant asking him (Mr. Russ) to secure an adjournment of the case as the complainant's mother was dying in the country and he was leaving immediately to see her.

This morning, however, the complainant's third concubine called at Mr. Russ' office with the startling statement that Lam himself had died. In the circumstances, Mr. Russ said that he placed the matter entirely in his Worship's hands, as he could not withdraw the charge against defendant without the Magistrate's consent.

The Magistrate agreed that, in the circumstances, there was no option for Mr. Russ but to withdraw the charge against defendant, which Counsel did forthwith, and defendant was accordingly discharged.

Replying to the Magistrate, Mr. Russ said that the rings were in the possession of the pawnbroker who had taken them in pledge, adding: "If the complainant is resurrected in time, he can have them back."

TWO RICH BABIES.

FOR MRS. CUNNINGHAM REID & LADY NUNBURNHOLME.

Two babies who will probably rank among the richest men in the country were born recently. One is the son of Mrs. Cunningham Reid, the wife of Captain A. S. Cunningham Reid, M.P. for Warrington, Lancashire, and Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Transport, Colonel Wilfrid Ashley. The child was born at Brook House, Park Lane, W., the residence of Lady Louis Mountbatten, Mrs. Cunningham Reid's sister.

Mrs. Cunningham Reid and Lady Louis Mountbatten, who are the daughters of Colonel Ashley, inherited a substantial proportion of the £6,000,000 left by their grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel, in 1921. Mrs. Cunningham Reid inherited about £700,000.

This was held in trust to accumulate until she married or reached the age of 21. She was married last autumn two months before her 21st birthday.

The birth of a son and heir to Lord and Lady Nunburnholme was also announced. Lord Nunburnholme, who is 24, succeeded his father, a north of England shipping magnate, in 1924, and inherited the bulk of his fortune of £302,248.

Before her marriage, Lady Nunburnholme was Lady Mary Thynne, the beautiful youngest daughter of the Marquess of Bath. She was a bridesmaid at the wedding of Princess Mary and the Duchess of York.

A cable from Hollywood states that Mr. Herbert Brenon, who directed the films "Beau Geste" and "Sorrell and Son," is to direct the British film "Revolt in the Desert," based on Colonel T. E. Lawrence's book.

man of all work, one of whose principal functions will be cooking. For, in addition to a food supply by automatic machines, there will be a small kitchen furnished with electric cooking apparatus.

Such is the latest German effort to combine commercial utility with safety in trans-oceanic flying. The Luftansa who, having ordered three "Romers" are evidently embarking with some confidence on far-reaching designs, resolutely refuse to disclose what these designs are.

On the face of it the "Romer" should be able to leap from the Cape Verde Islands to Brazil with safety and replace the ships at present covering that section of the Spanish-South American air service.

The floor rate for lime-washing in Hong Kong and Kowloon is fixed at \$3.80.

Amendments to the Factory (Accidents) Ordinance are published in the "Gazette."

Mr. K. C. Hamilton has been appointed an Assistant Govt. Marine Surveyor as from August 18, 1923.

The Sek Yin School at 8, Bowrington Canal-road has been declared an unlawful establishment.

Lt.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., has been appointed Registrar of Trade Marks and Letters Patent and Official Receiver in addition to his other duties.

A bathing picnic will be held to-day by the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club. The launch will leave the Public Pier at 4 o'clock, the destination being Junk Bay.

Leung Ling Tai, a married woman, residing at Temple-street, attempted to commit suicide by jumping from the first floor of No. 46 Des Voeux-road, Central. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The Government Civil Hospital notify that a Chinese named Li Ching, aged 22, who was admitted on to the G. C. H. on July 31 from the Tung Wah Hospital suffering from a severe bullet wound in the right thigh, died at 5.45 a.m. yesterday.

Wong Tai Sai, partner of the electrical shop, No. 62 Portland-street, reports to the police that he entrusted the manager, Lai Shui, with \$62.60 to purchase gold and also to collect a bill for \$35.45. He collected the bill and has since absconded with all the money.

A telephone message was received at 7 o'clock last night at No. 7 Police Station from Capt. J. MacDonald, to the effect that a European named Mr. O. Phillips, was removed from the Sailors' Home to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday. The man died in the receiving room, before medical attendance was available.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared at the Central Court yesterday on behalf of Yuen Wan-to, who is charging a Chinese on six separate counts relating to the embezzlement of \$1,255, asked for an adjournment. The defendant pleaded not guilty. The case was formally remanded for a week. Mr. Lo said that he would have to send to Shanghai for a witness.

Estate in Hong Kong valued at \$3,000 was left by Mr. A. Burnett, late of West Blackwater, Parish of St. Perxus, Aberdeen, Scotland, who died at the Oaklawn Nursing Home, London, on March 5, 1927. Estate in Scotland amounts to £4,493-3s-1d. Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons.

The chauffeur of Car No. 226, who was summoned for negligent driving on August 1, was discharged yesterday by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy. The collision occurred on the Island-road, near Aberdeen between cars Nos. 226 and 520. The chauffeur of car No. 520, who was also summoned, was discharged at an earlier hearing. The Magistrate, together with Mr. H. Lo, solicitor for the defence, visited the scene of the accident. In discharging the defendant, his Worship intimated that the parties concerned could seek civil redress if they desired.

OPEN-AIR CONCERT.

BIG AUDIENCE LAST NIGHT AT PARADE GROUND.

The second promenade concert, held at the Volunteer Parade ground last night, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, was very well attended. Those present included H. E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), Mrs. Southern and a large party from Government House.

The programme was admirably selected, vocal, modern and classical musical items being included. Under the conductorship of Mr. W. H. Fritz-Earle, A.R.C.M., and by kind permission of Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and officers, the full band of the 2nd Battalion of the K.O.S.B. played splendidly, their contributions being received with great applause. Mrs. K. Carnegie's singing was a particularly delightful feature of the evening. She sang Saint Saens' "Softly Awakes My Heart" and Handel's "Ombra Mai Fu."

The Aloha Septette again acquitted themselves admirably. The concert was a great success, and the organisers and others responsible are to be congratulated upon providing such an enjoyable entertainment.

CINEMA NOTES.

"13 WASHINGTON SQUARE" AT QUEEN'S.

FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY.

The thrilling mystery play "13 Washington Square," will be screened to-day at the Queen's Theatre for the last time. The main theme of the picture is carried along with the utmost finesse by Jean Hersholt, the famous character actor, and Alice Joyce of "Beau Geste" fame, who also has an important part to play. The love interest is capably handled by George Lewis, with the very able help of Helen Foster, a charming new-comer to the screen. Besides mystery, thrills and romance, the picture has much comedy which is in the hands of Zasu Pitts.

WORLD THEATRE.

"The Potter," a picture based on the famous newspaper funny strip, will have its final showings to-day at the World Theatre. It is a comedy of middle class domestic life, and concerns the troubles of "Pa" Potter, a pompously ineffectual little man, who, in order to get rich quick, plunges his life's savings into oil stock. How he sinks deeper and deeper into financial trouble only, finally, to come out on top, is amusingly told. W. C. Fields, Mary Alden and Ivy Harris head a large supporting cast of players.

STAR THEATRE.

At the Star Theatre, the new Herbert Brenon production, "God Gave Me Twenty Cents," will also be shown to-day for the last time. The story is simple and sincere and concerns two women—one good—the other bad—and their love for the same man. Set against the picturesque background of New Orleans, and flavoured with the romance of the sea, the tale is unfolded with remarkable realism. Two false coins which Fate passes through the hands of the leading characters produce a unique, dramatic climax. The picture has an excellent cast which includes Lois Moran, Lya de Putti, Jack Mulhall and William Collier, Jr.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

TO-MORROW NIGHT'S ADDED ATTRACTION.

POPULAR DANCERS' RETURN.

The juvenile eccentric dancers, Miss Cherie Valentine and Miss Tomasita Birdwell, who proved so popular during their season in Hong Kong a few weeks ago, have just completed a successful season in Manila and will re-appear at the Queen's Theatre as an additional attraction at the 9.20 p.m. performance to-morrow and on Monday night. The versatile young artistes, aged nineteen and sixteen, respectively, give a remarkable performance of modern classical, eccentric and jazz dancing. The "Black Bottom," at which Miss Birdwell proves herself to be a complete expert, will be repeated in to-morrow's programme, and another item that was enthusiastically received, "The Peacock Dance," executed with much charm and grace by Miss Valentine, will also be included. Those who failed to see the artistes during their first appearance in Hong Kong should not miss this opportunity of enjoying a decidedly refreshing entertainment, while those who did attend know the pleasure that awaits them in going again.

NOT LOST.

CHINESE STEAMER IS SAFE.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The report of the loss of the s.s. "Hain Shu Tung" appears to have been unfounded. The vessel has since reported its arrival at Hankow.—British Naval Wireless.

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COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "13 Washington Square."

To-day—Star Theatre; "God Gave Me Twenty Cents."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Pottery."

August 19—Return engagement of the famous juvenile dancers, Miss Cherie Valentine and Miss Tomasita Birdwell at Queen's Theatre, 9.20 p.m.

August 21—World Theatre; Charlie Chaplin in "The Circus."

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August 28—Meeting at Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

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August 21—Royal Navy night fête at V. R. C. 9 p.m.

August 24—H.K.V.D.C. aquatic sports at Victoria Recreation Club, 9 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—St. Andrew's Young Men's Club bathing picnic to Junk Bay, 4 p.m.

August 20—Second Moonlight picnic of St. Peter's Y. M. Club.

September 14—H.K.V.D.C. (Machine Gun Company) dinner, Headquarters, 8 p.m.

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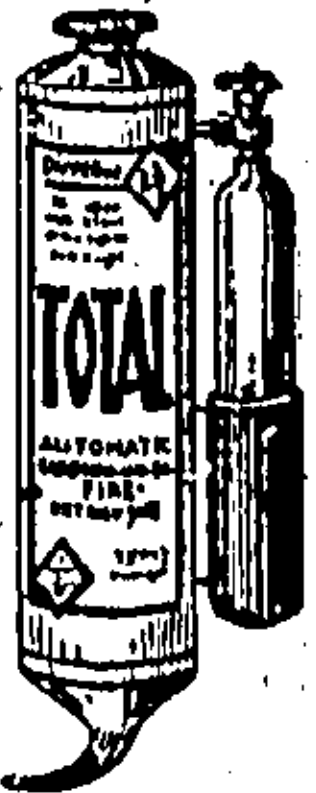
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ARSENAL AND McGRORY.

The Arsenal Football Club are still unable to obtain the centre forward of whom they are in need. Negotiations for the transfer of McGrory, of the Celtic, have been broken off, and unless the player changes his mind they are not likely to be renewed.

The club had agreed as to the fee, understood to be £8,000, which would have been a record, but the demands of the player could not be satisfied.

In the meantime the Arsenal have made further inquiries as to another Scottish centre-forward, Smith, of Ayr United, but nothing definite has been settled.

Smith is a powerfully built youth with remarkable pace, and he is highly dangerous in front of goal. He is not, however, a craftsman in the Scottish sense.



Walter Hagen, American pro champion, and the new British Open Champion, wearing the smile which he recently returned to the United States with the British trophy.

AIR PILOT AT 17.

BUT WOULD NOT DRIVE A
CAR IN LONDON.

Robin H. E. Sanders-Clark, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sanders-Clark, of Lygon Place, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W., who recently celebrated his seventeenth birthday, has received his Royal Aero Club certificate as a qualified air pilot. The certificate is granted to no one under seventeen years of age, and by receiving his actually on his seventeenth birthday he can claim to be Britain's youngest air pilot.

Mr. Sanders-Clark stated that it was the sight of Sir Alan Cobham landing on the Thames about two years ago that led him to take up aviation. He was then a scholar at Malvern College. "I was fifteen and a half when, after eight hours' flying instruction I first took up a Moth aeroplane alone from Stag Lane aerodrome," he said.

"Since then I have done over seventy hours' flying and have made trips from Stag Lane to Yeovil, Coventry, and Southampton. I have, too, on several occasions flown to our country house at Winchester, landed in a neighbouring field, had tea and flown back.

"Flying, I think, is safer than motoring. I wouldn't drive a car through London if I were paid, but flying is all right if you take care. You cannot afford to take risks in an aeroplane, because you don't often get a chance of making a second mistake. The first one probably means hospital or the cemetery.

"Motoring in London would give me nerves, but once you are in the air it is all so simple. You have just to take care when you are taking off and landing, but when you are up there are no old women hobbling about the roads to look out for."

Mr. Sanders-Clark hopes to take up flying as a career. When he is nineteen he will be able to take a "B" certificate entitling him to pilot machines "for hire or award."

For having kissed a girl he did not know and who resisted his overtures John Stewart, an apprentice, was fined £5 at Gateshead.

Standard grade flour in the Home Counties is now 41s. per 280lb. 6d. to 1s. less delivered within the London districts, a reduction of 1s.

QUEEN'S CLAIM.

HER SUIT AS MARRIED
WOMAN.

UNPRECEDENTED.

London.—What was described as an "absolutely unprecedented case" came before the Chancery Court on a motion in an action entitled "Queen of Holland v. Drukker and others."

Mr. A. M. Lister, K.C., for one of the defendants, a Dutch subject, said the motion was to have Her Majesty's statement of claim struck out on the ground that it disclosed no reasonable cause of action. He said it was an absolutely unprecedented case in these courts because the Queen of Holland wanted to collect Dutch succession duty from a Dutch subject in this country, and it was an elementary rule of law that one country did not enforce the revenue laws of another country or collect its taxes.

The name of the plaintiff was given on the writ, said counsel, as "The Queen of Holland, suing as a married woman."

Mr. Justice Tomlin: Has there been any application for security for costs?

Mr. Lister: I am told that there has, and that a solicitor's undertaking has been given.

Mr. Justice Tomlin: What is the defence to this motion?

Mr. C. A. Bennett, K.C. (for the Queen of Holland): My submission is that the reference to the enforcement of the laws of a foreign State is to the penal laws, and that an exception is made in the case of the revenue laws. Here there is a debt due from one of the defendants to the plaintiff, and you will not find in any of the books any authority for the proposition that these courts will not enforce a claim made by a foreign State to enforce payment of a tax properly imposed, provided there is jurisdiction.

200-Years-Old Rules.

Giving his decision, Mr. Justice Tomlin said that there was a well-known rule which had been enforced in this country for at least 200 years, under which these courts would not collect the taxes of a foreign State for the benefit of that foreign State, and this was one of those actions coming in that category which the courts would not entertain. That being so, the application must succeed.

He struck out the statement of claim and dismissed the action, and said that as the Queen of Holland had submitted to the jurisdiction of that court there must be an order to pay the costs of the application and of the action.

DANCING MEN.

LIST KEPT BY FOUR
HOSTESSES.

Who are the favoured men who make up the hostesses' Bachelors' Dance List, which is the lach-dor key of society?

Everyone has heard of this list from which hostesses choose partners to make up the numbers of their dances and parties, but no one seems to know how it first came into existence or who wrote down the first names.

According to a young bachelor who is on the list it is in the possession of about four hostesses, who may lend it to others as required. Many hostesses, of course, have their own lists. A "Daily Mail" reporter was told that:

There are about 200 names on the list, and they are bachelors chosen from the Marlborough Club, White's Club, the Bachelors' Club, and the Guards' Club.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Peers, and sons of Peers are also included.

In addition possibly a young man who is seen going about with a well-known debutante may find his name included. He will soon know if he is on the list by the number of invitations he receives. If, however, dancing and parties do not appeal to him, and he refuses most of them, he will also discover that his name gradually disappears from the list.

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ALLEGED BREACH.

IMPORTANT SUPREME
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COMMERCIAL CASE.

A judgment of considerable importance to the mercantile community was given by the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Sproule) in an action in which Lam Choon and Co. sued Messrs. Green and Collier for \$21,000 for breach of warranty.

The circumstances were that Messrs. Green and Collier, a firm of non-guarantee rubber brokers, entered into a written contract with the plaintiffs on behalf of the principal named therein, Lim Yam-hong, for the purchase of fifteen tons of the plaintiffs' rubber. The named principal repudiated and never confirmed the contract. The plaintiffs thereupon sued the named principal, but Sir William Murison gave judgment against them. Plaintiffs then appealed to the Singa-



Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owens, daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan, who defeated W. J. Bryan, present incumbent, of the fourth district of Florida, for Congress.

pore Court of Appeal and were successful, but on the case going to the Privy Council the Court of Appeal decision was reversed.

The plaintiffs then sued Messrs. Green and Collier for their full loss on the contract with the principal on whose behalf Messrs. Green and Collier had purported to act and for all their costs in the litigation against that principal.

When the case was tried before the Acting Chief Justice the defendants, among other defences, sought to prove a general custom in Singapore that non-guarantee brokers who have named their principal and who have entered into a written contract in his name are not liable for damages if it turns out either that they had no such principal or that such principal repudiated before confirming the contract—in other words, that non-guarantee brokers do not warrant their authority, as it is called in law.

The Acting Chief Justice gave judgment for the full amount claimed in an important and interesting written judgment. Mr. Roland Braddell was for the plaintiffs and Mr. J. E. Weiss for the defendant.

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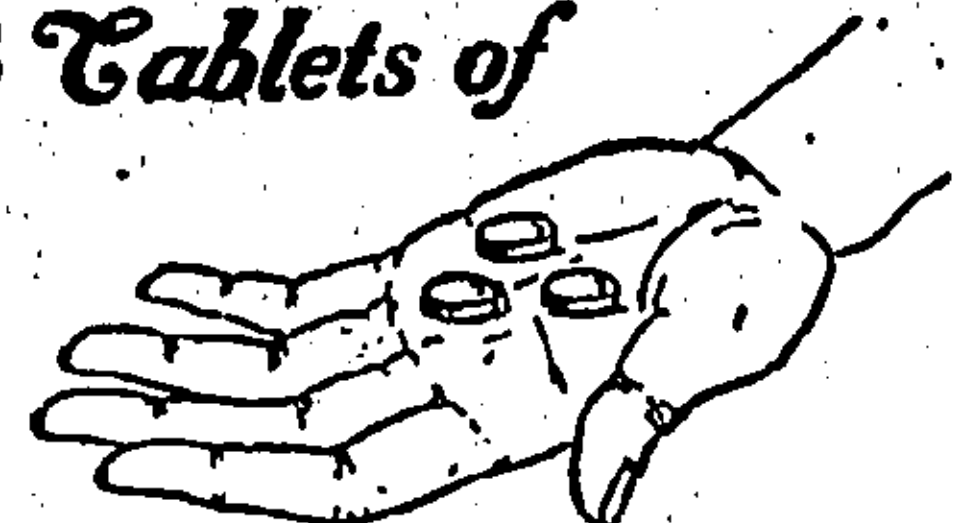
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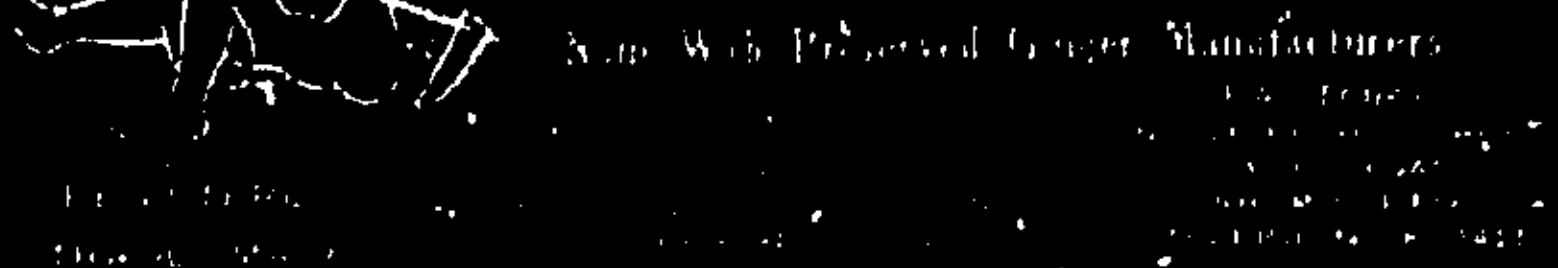
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TENNIS.

CHINESE R.C. SUFFER DEFEAT.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

The Chinese Recreation Club lost their first tennis League match yesterday when the "C" Division II. team was defeated by seven games by the Recreio II. Details:—

Tsai Ping-fan and Ng Kam-chuen (C.R.C.):—
beat L. A. Rocha and G. A. Noronha 6-5
lost to A. A. Remedios and A. Gosano 4-7
beat H. A. Barros and C. A. Barretto 7-4

Chan Hip-wo and H. C. Hung (C.R.C.):—
lost to L. A. Rocha and G. A. Noronha 4-7
lost to A. A. Remedios and A. Gosano 5-6
beat H. A. Barros and C. A. Barretto 7-4

Lau Ting-wai and Hon Lung-fung (C.R.C.):—
lost to L. A. Rocha and G. A. Noronha 4-7
beat A. A. Remedios and A. Gosano 7-4
lost to H. A. Barros and C. A. Barretto 2-9

Total: Chinese R.C. II. 46, Recreio II. 53.

S. CHINA WIN.

In the "B" Division South China beat the Nippon Club by 25 games. Details:—

Ho Wai-hing and Chan So (S.C.A.):—
beat Isomura and Tahara 7-4
beat Sakiji and Yoshikawa 7-4
beat Fujieda and Hachiuma 7-4

Luk Kang-cheung and Luk Ding-cheung (S.C.A.):—
drew with Isomura and Tahara 4-4
beat Sakiji and Yoshikawa 6-5
beat Fujieda and Hachiuma 8-3

Lee Wai-tsoi and Lee Won-tsoi (S.C.A.):—
beat Isomura and Tahara 7-4
beat Sakiji and Yoshikawa 5-3
beat Fujieda and Hachiuma 8-3

Total: South China 59; Nippon Club 34.

BASEBALL.

VISITORS DEFEAT AMERICANS.

The Shanghai Interport baseball team yesterday met the U.S. "Asheville" and won by six runs to five.

The line-ups and scores follow:—
"Asheville." S'hai Chinese.
Brunnen rf. Tsung
Chadwell c. Chang
Ariel 1b. Liu
Hoffman cf. Tsay
Bacon ss. Kim
Henson p. Ang
Yukey 3b. Chen
Evans 2b. Char
Sakey lf. Loo

Scores by Innings.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Total
U.S. Navy 3 0 0 1 0 1 0 5
S'hai Chinese 0 1 1 2 0 0 2 6

BOWLS.

A. CLARK BEATS MCLAGGAN IN THE "OPEN."

[By "Blas."]

A more than usually interesting match took place yesterday evening on the Craigengower Cricket Club ground when A. Clark of the Police met J. O. McLaggan of Kowloon Dock in the last 8 to decide which of them should enter the semi-final.

McLaggan has been putting up a fine game lately and I had heard him described as "Kowloon's Hope." In the league he plays No. 1 in S. Gray's Rink and their performance last Saturday will not be forgotten for a long time. An experienced No. 1 is specially suited to singles matches; but also is a Skip and A. Clark of the Police holds that position.

In getting to the last 8 Clark accounted for Neilson in the first round and Wragge in the second, and Bennett in the third, while his opponent beat Gow, Blair and Pendered. If anything he had the more difficult journey and he fully justified the confidence that was placed in him to win.

The large number of spectators present were well rewarded for their attendance and saw some wonderful heads in the first half of the game. One shot was all that was conceded by either of the

JOCKEYS' EARNINGS.

SILLY STORIES ABOUT BIG INCOMES.

SOME HARD FACTS.

As a result of the liberties that some people have taken with the careers of jockeys, there is perhaps no other subject in connection with the turf so completely surrounded by fallacy, fiction, and nonsense.

Time after time I have seen it represented that the life of the jockey is nothing but beer and skittles. I read an article recently in which it was stated that the luckiest individuals in racing are the jockeys.

"No education is required to become a jockey," the article continued. "Most jockeys are taught their job for nothing. While owners have heavy expenses, and trainers recurring trouble with their horses, a jockey has nothing to worry about but to turn up at meetings, riding, exercising and keeping fit."

"A jockey will often have a valet to look after his kit. Several of them earn \$5,000 or more a year. When a delighted owner feels disposed to reward someone for winning a race it is the jockey who gets the reward and no one else. Yet his job has lasted only two or three minutes; the trainer has spent months on the horse."

"A jockey has got as much as \$3,000 or a Rolls Royce as a present after a win, and even an apprentice in his early teens has received as much as \$250 for winning a race."

Exceptional Happenings.

Now, how true is all this? It might all be gospel in isolated cases but it should not be claimed that because these extraordinary things have happened that they always, not yet often, happen. Strictly speaking, they are the rarest exceptions to the rule.

Take the first statement about jockeys being taught their job for nothing. That statement surely is two edged? Most of us expect to be paid for going to work, even if only by getting up at six on a bitter October's morning to sweep out stables and take horses to exercise.

At this time he is an apprentice or "lad," and while on the subject it would be as well to deal with that \$250, said to have been paid for one win. That money was never paid to the apprentice, but to the trainer to whom he is bound. A trainer, of course, is entitled to all his apprentices' earnings, though it is true most of them put by a certain percentage and give it to the lads when they are out of their time.

While the lad is in the stable undergoing his training he is provided with his whole outfit, boots, "colours," saddle, breeches, bridle and whip. But when he blossoms out into a free lance jockey the responsibility is divided. He buys his own boots, breeches, spurs and whip. The trainer buys saddles and bridles for horses and the owner provides the "colours"—silk or satin jacket and cap.

Specially light jockeys' boots cost two or three guineas a pair though they weigh under the

contestants and at the 10th head the score read 6 all. At the eleventh head a little misjudgment on the part of McLaggan and the fortunes favouring his opponent gave Clark 4 which he followed with a 2 making the score 12-6 in his favour. It seemed now as if Clark was the winner but McLaggan by good generalship scored in the next 4 heads 1-2-3-1 and at the 16th head the score was 13-12 in his favour; and the comment all round the green was "A grand game." Clark here however struck a patch that Vulcan with his thunderbolts could not have beaten. His first wood rested on the jack, his second covered it, the other two were in the same position behind and he kept this up till the end. The score for the last four heads was 4-3-1-1 giving him the game by 21-13.

McLaggan is a fine bowler with a beautiful delivery and at the 16th head I thought I had made a mistake in tipping Clark to win the final and fully expected the Dock man to get home by 1 or 2.

Clark thus enters the semi-final and will meet the winner of the match between W. Macfarlane and R. Duncan (both of the K.B.G.C.) to qualify for the final.

A visitor from Paris and his little son were injured and panic was created among women bathers when a signalling bomb exploded on the Deauville promenade.

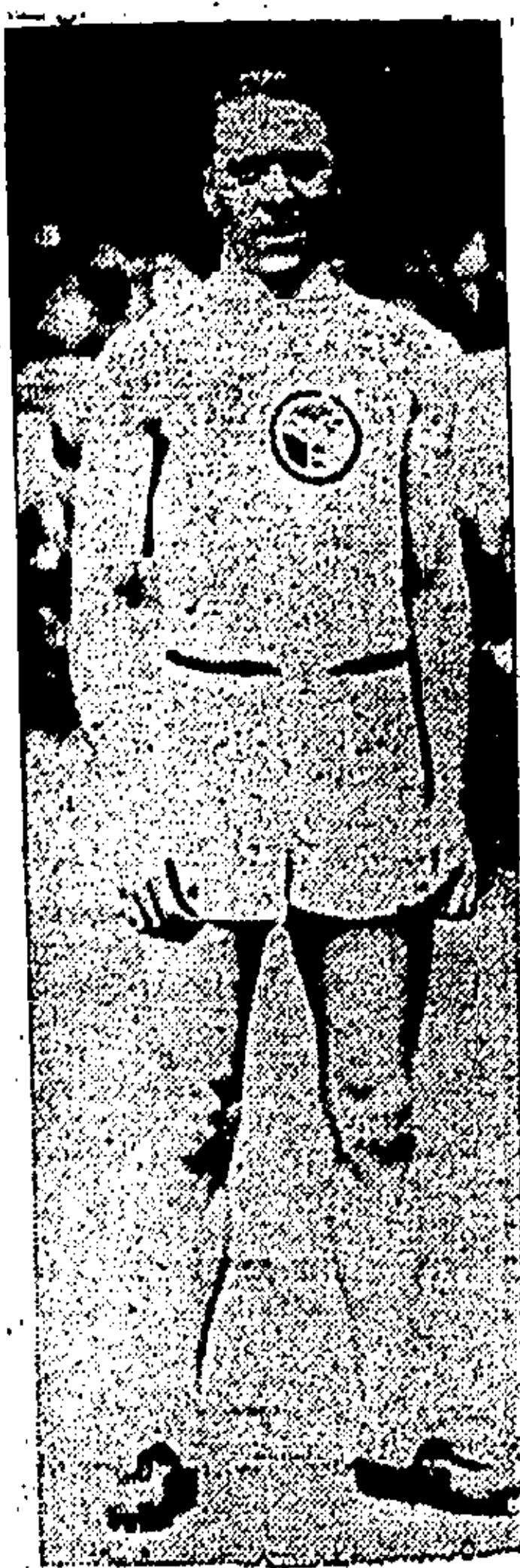
pound. Spurs can mount up in price according to the metal used. Breeches cost from five to ten guineas a pair.

The whip, like the spurs, which are more often than not, ornaments only, can be a cane or ash-plant costing a few shillings, but because it is an ornament it is usually a whalebone or gut whip, priced at anything from five guineas upwards.

The Jockey's Bane. Then there is the little matter of the jockey not having anything to worry about except to turn up for the races and to keep fit. Nothing to worry about forsooth! Why the hurry and scurry of long night journeys across the country with awkward connections, dashes by aeroplane across the Channel, motor journeys, and the rest, would drive many a harder man to an early grave.

As to keeping fit, everyone knows that this is the bane of the jockey's life. How can he hope to keep fit by continual starvation, Turkish baths, wasting, massaging, etc.

We all ignore the matter of every jockey having a valet to look after his kit, because in



John Hay, famous distance runner, who has recently entered the marathon field and bids fair to be a star at the Olympic games.

actual fact, only the crack riders can afford such a luxury, and crack riders are in a decided minority.

It is worth while dealing with the matter of those jockeys earning over \$5,000 a year. If we take the number of races a jockey rides and credit him with the stipulated \$3 for every race, and \$5 for every win, the question resolves itself into elementary arithmetic to be worked out on last year's figures. We then see how few jockeys command these figures.

The jockey does get his \$5 for a win and \$3 for a loser. That money is guaranteed for him, and has to be paid at scale. If he has a retainer he is entitled to have half of it put down at Weatherby's in advance, the remainder to be paid on the jockey satisfactorily completing his contract.

He is also allowed to charge any owner at whose request he specially attends a meeting, a sum not exceeding one pound a day and travelling expenses, the amount to be divided between them.

Hard Work.

But even with these fees most jockeys are compelled to work hard in riding gallops for trainers, in order to swell his income, and whenever a jockey is retained by an owner who does not happen to have a horse running in a race, it will be found that he is always ready to accept mounts from other stables.

In short, therefore, it is extremely doubtful whether more than a dozen jockeys to-day are earning such good incomes as will allow them to save against a rainy day or old age.

The rainy day for the jockey, alas, most often occurs, for there are always difficulties and dangers to be faced. A broken limb, concussion, a sprain or even a bruise will be enough to keep him off a horse's back for a long while, perhaps for ever. We also have the reminder of jockeys who fell by the wayside in the hordes of breeched and gaitered tipsters and touts who infest our racecourses.

Indeed, it is not too much to believe that if any jockey had devoted as much time and energy to any other occupation he would be assured of an income greater than he will ever receive from the Turf.

THE "SPECTATOR."

CENTENARY AND SOME OF ITS FAMOUS EDITORS.

REMARKABLE CONTINUITY.

In "The Times" of July 11, 1928, appeared an advertisement of the first number of the "Spectator," "the new London weekly paper by the original editor and contributors of the 'Atlas'"; and the "Spectator" last month celebrated its 100 years of life by the production of a history of itself and some special numbers of the paper. It has already issued details of the scheme by which its control for the future is to be vested in the hands of six ex-officio trustees, headed by the Lord Mayor of London, relates the "Observer."

Its annals are remarkable for a continuity that has few, if any, parallels. For a hundred years the editor has been also the proprietor and printed his individuality in unmistakable characters on the paper; and three reigning editorships have filled the greater part of the century. The nearest parallel one can suggest is the headmastership of Shrewsbury School. Butler, Kennedy, and Moss reigned as long and gloriously as Rintoul, Townsend-cum-Hutton, and St. Loe Strachey. It is a further evidence of the continuity that seems inherent in the "Spectator" ("My Grandmother," as R.L.S. used to say affectionately) that Mr. Evelyn Wrench, the present proprietor-editor, has said that he would not change a word of many paragraphs of Rintoul's original prospectus. The original idea still prevails.

No. 1, Wellington-Street. Robert Rintoul, a Scotsman, who had first printed and then edited the Dundee "Examiner," was persuaded by Byron's friend, Douglas James Kinnaird, to come and try his fortune in London. The short-lived "Atlas" was followed by the "Spectator," published for a very brief while from one of the courts of Fleet-street; but Rintoul soon fitted to 1, Wellington-street, where the actual offices were sandwiched between the dwelling-house of the proprietor in the attic and his servants in the basement. In incidentally it boasted, at one time, two stone steps at the front door to enable the ladies to mount their horses. Its latest migration is to York-street, Covent Garden, to a house where Leigh Hunt once lived.

The "Spectator" had a prosperous career for 30 years under Rintoul—the author of the famous Reform Bill phrase, "The Bill, the whole Bill, and nothing but the Bill"—and steadily increased its reputation, though its circulation was never large. He sold it, a few months before his death, in 1858, and after a short and inglorious interregnum, the paper was bought in 1861 by Meredith Townsend, who presently took Thomas Holt Hutton as co-editor and co-proprietor. Their collaboration is famous.

Mr. St. Loe Strachey. Ten years before the partnership ended St. Loe Strachey joined the staff first as leader-writer (in succession to Mr. Asquith, later Lord Oxford) and he, in turn, became sole editor and proprietor after Hutton's death in 1897 and Townsend's retirement. Very soon he made the paper a great financial success. He has himself written the story of his "Spectator" days with great narrative zest. His eager spirit was worn to shreds by the war and his multiplicity of occupations. He was wonderfully served by his working editors, first Mr. C. L. Graves, and then Mr. J. B. Atkins, who remains on the staff to-day; but he knew his own grip to be slipping, and just before his death sold the control to Mr. Evelyn Wrench, who had worked on all sides of the paper, both as contributor and manager.

MORE CLOTHES.

ORDER TO THAMES BATHER-BOATERS.

Now that Mrs. Grundy is dead, Mr. Grundy is busy carrying on the prohibitions of the unhappy home, writes a correspondent. What was our surprise, therefore, when we were told that the Thames recently our party was visited by a fussy official, equipped with a pencil and notebook. He took the names of everyone wearing bathing costume, and ordered us to put on more clothes over them.

It may surprise your readers to know, adds the correspondent, that in these enlightened days even the wearing of a full university swimming costume worn at 90 degrees in the shade constitutes an act of indecency in the eyes of the official Mr. Grundy.

Mr. Herbert Hickman, a Leeds hairdresser, stated that 75 per cent. of the men shave at home now, compared with 75 per cent. in hair-dressers' shops formerly.

"HINNY & CUDDIE."

AMUSING DEBATE IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

LORD BERTIE'S "FIND."

A question of definitions amused the House of Lords recently.

Peers were discussing the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill, which provides that all animals, except pigs, must be killed in Scotland by humane killers. The animals referred to are defined in the Bill as—

Horse, mare, gelding, pony, foal, colt, filly, stallion, ass, donkey, mule, bull, cow, bullock, heifer, calf, steer, ox, sheep, ewe, wether, ram, lamb, boar, hog, sow, goat, and kid. Lord Bertie of Thame, with the idea of shortening this, proposed to substitute the following definition:—

The progeny or hybrid progeny of whatever age of the equine, asinine, bovine, suilline, or caprine species. He complained that the original definition was inadequate because it did not include a Galloway, which was an animal between a pony and a horse, a cuddie, which was the Scottish name for a donkey, or a hinny, which was the off-spring of a he-ass and a mare.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, who was in charge of the Bill, said that the only merit of Lord Bertie's proposed definition was that it was a jingle, and as such reminded him of the Latin grammar tags familiar to youth.

The Peers decided to retain the original definition.

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Oslo 18.185
Vienna 34.25
Prague 163 23/32
Helsingfors 192.90
Madrid 29.13
Lisbon 2 7/32
Athens 875
Bucharest 797 1/2
Rio 5 29/32
Buenos Aires 47 7/16
Bombay 1/5 15/16
Shanghai 2/73
Hong Kong 2/0 3/4
Yokohama 1/10 3/32
Silver Spot 27 3/16
Silver Forward 27 5/16
—British Wireless Service.

Mme. Lapointe, wife of the Canadian Minister of Justice, performed the christening ceremony at the launch of the Canadian National Steamships Company's vessel "Lady Nelson," from Messrs. Cammell Laird's yard at Birkenhead.

Sir Alan Cobham, the airman, was given the honorary freedom of the Turners' Company at the City Guildhall.

The London County Council have removed the ban on German or Austrian children taking up scholarship or exhibitions.

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

"MAIL" REVIEWS.

WOMEN ARE—?

["Women Are—?" By C. Nichol
(published by Cecil Palmer 2/6
net).]A quiverful of barbed darts
furnished by a man for men to flick
at women. Just a few selections:—
"A woman's tongue is the nearest
approach yet achieved to perpetual
motion." "To insure a really happy
marriage, the man should be deaf
and the woman dumb." "When an
old woman marries a young man,
she is hoping for happiness, but
asking for trouble." "The equality
of the sexes to a woman means a
preponderance in her favour."There are 79 pages, full of aphor-
isms just as an egg is full of meat.
I strongly recommend this book to
my male friends as a ready refer-
ence of witty "come backs" when
the opposite sex gets out of control.
If these truths won't hold them,
then they are beyond all hope!
(and, I think, most of them are).
—S.

INDIANS OF OLD.

["The Plains of Abraham." By
James Oliver Curwood (Hodder
and Stoughton).]Largely a romance of life as it
was actually lived and not as it
might have been lived, Mr. Curwood
gives us another of his splendid his-
torical romances. Readers will re-
member his book "The Black
Hunter" which was reviewed in
these columns some few months
ago, and will appreciate the difficul-
ties that beset the author in his
search for authentic data on the
Province of Quebec as it was in
1765. The novel begins approxi-
mately where "The Black Hunter"terminated although it is in no way
dependent upon that book. The
author's great-grandmother was a
Mohawk Indian and he is able to
present to the public evidences of
the nobler side of Indian character,
suppressed through a period of cen-
turies by the white man's egoism
and prejudice. The Indian was the
greatest of all friends, the greatest
of all patriots, the greatest of all
lovers of his country. Unlike the
selfish white men who covered the
plains of Canada and the U.S. with
carcasses of buffalo and deer, slaugh-
tered ruthlessly, that they might
enjoy the delicacy of their tongues,
the Indian was always a great con-
servator of wild life, killing only to
satisfy his needs. Despoiled, sub-
jugated, annihilated, he died a
savage.

—STRATHCONA.

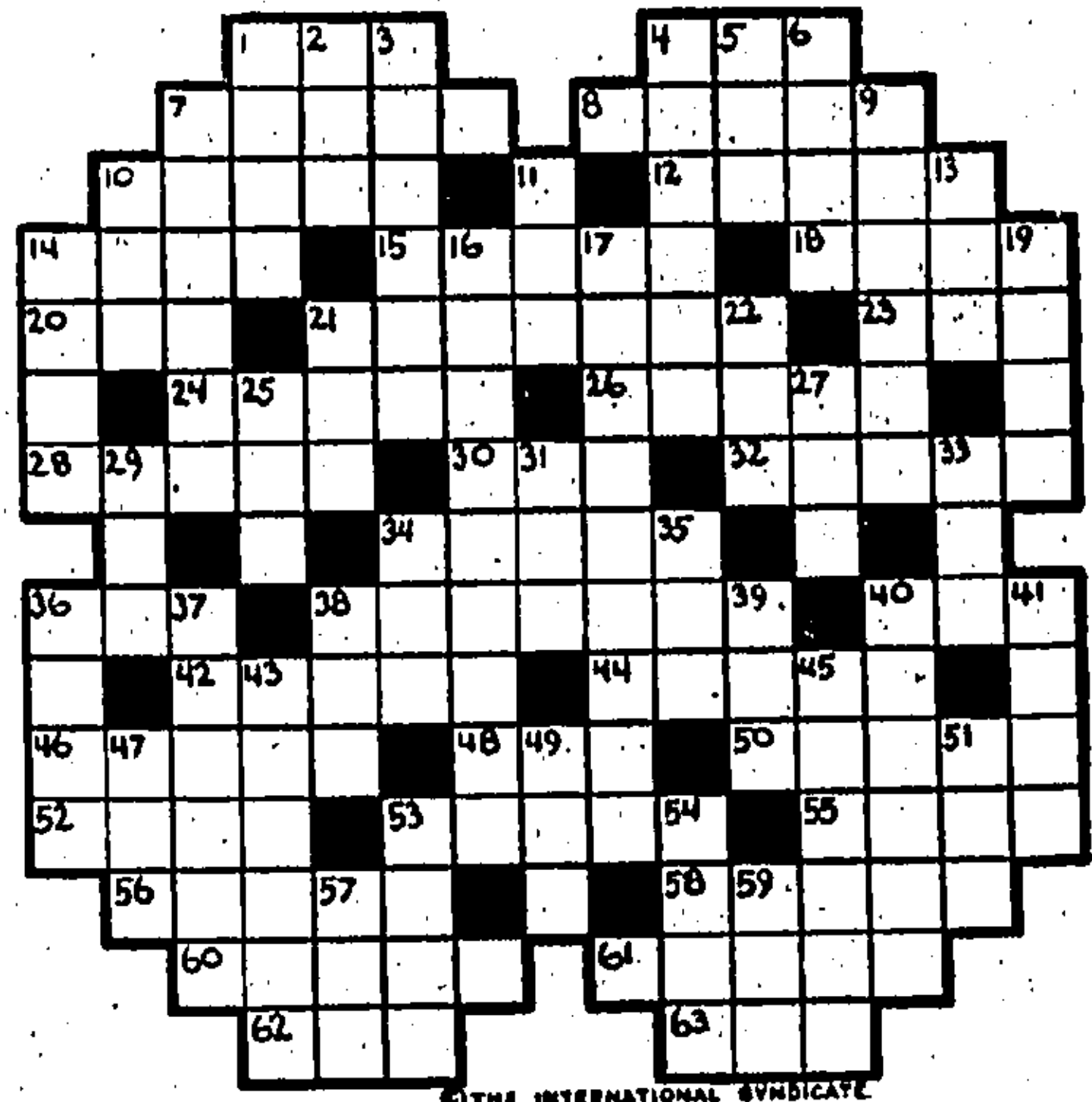
IN SIAM.

[Siam & Cambodia in Pen and
Pastel...with excursions into
China and Burma by Rachel
Wheatcroft...Constable, Lon-
don. 21/-]This is a book of travel written
by a woman who had not the ample
means at her disposal to make her
tour merely a matter of first class
passages and best hotels. Miss
Wheatcroft travelled by sea and
river, by train, gharry, ricksha,
dandy, tonga, elephant, donkey, and
Shank's pony. She patronised
Dutch, English, and Chinese
steamers; lived now in hotels, now
in the homely boarding houses of
the Y.W.C.A., and the G.F.S. There
is scientific support for the proverb
that "Fortune favours the brave,"
and an introduction here, a pupil
there, and above all the faithful
pursuit of the artists' calling alone
enabled her to travel on from
country to country, to make draw-
ings, and to learn about Eastern
peoples at first hand.The Authoress was in China, in
the early days of the present
troubles, but unlike most travellers
for pleasure, who were beginning
to avoid the Yangtze, she sailed up
it through the gorges to Chung-
king, and relates a somewhat
ominous adventure that befell her.Unfortunately, the Authoress did
not get a very favourable im-
pression of Hong Kong, as she pass-
ed through on one of its "off
days", as regards the weather.
There is an interesting sketch of
Canton, after visiting which town,
she made her way Northward to
Peking, and the Western Hills,
then Southward to the Yangtze and
Chungking.Though this is a book written
chiefly on Siam and Cambodia,
there are interesting sidelights on
the customs and characteristics of
the Chinese, gleaned during her
short visits and journeyings.
Chapter Four introduces us to
Angkor in Cambodia, where there
is a detailed description of the
magnificent ruins, of the ancient
temples and palaces.There are some authorities quoted
on History and customs, one being
the Chinese scholar, Chow Tai-kwan,
some of his notes being given; the
other is a French scholar named
M. Groslier. Siam is next visited,
the rice mills of Bangkok, and the
flower markets, being specially
mentioned. This part is a de-
scription of a country where one
finds "Klongs" or canals, instead of
roads in most cases. The
Authoress stayed here for a time,
and gives some sketches on Siamese
life.The Old Palace was viewed, and
the Siamese methods of architec-
ture and decoration are described
in detail, and with the artist's ap-
preciation of line and colour.
There is a chapter on the Inner
Palace, where the Authoress
witnessed some ceremonies peculiar
to the Season, namely the Swing
ceremony, and presentation of gifts,
by the Faithful to the gigantic
gold-covered sleeping Buddha, Phra
Norn.Chapter Ten is devoted to the
Wat or monastery, through which
all Siamese males must pass and
which is the centre of village
life. There are two legends re-
counted of Guatama, or Buddha,
and one of a boat in legendary
history. This is followed by a
most interesting chapter on Death
and Cremation, and the Authoress
had the unusual experience of
witnessing three Royal cremations,
with all the accompanying splen-
dour, and ancient rites.The Stage is next given a chapter
on Drama, Ballet, Comedy, and
Shadow Play. Both Native, and
English translated plays, are acted
in the Siamese language.There is a discussion on titles,
ranks, and customs, and honours
connected with them, which is quite
bewildering, and must have taken
much time and patience to fathom
and describe on paper. Supersti-
tions, many and varied, are given a
chapter to themselves, and Games
are followed somewhat strangely
by Laws and Justice. Lastly
among these descriptions of Siamese
life, and customs, there is a chapter
with an account of the various
Schools, Hospitals and Missions in
the district; in short, all sides of
Life have been observed and dis-
cussed from the Sublime to the
Commonplace.Chapter Sixteen deals with
excursions, the visit to the floating
market of Ayuthia, and ruins at
Phrahat, and Lopburi; the former
being visited after much difficulty,
necessitating hiring a special train
at the cost of two pounds (sterling).
The teak forest of Kakon Lam-
pang, and the employment of ele-
phants for felling and hauling logs,
is an interesting side of one of the
industries for which Siam is
famous.A visit is paid to Chiengmai,
where lacquer, bronze, and silk,
make it a happy hunting ground for
Souvenir collectors.Southern Siam is just mentioned,
reference being made to the Petech-aburi limestone caves, which are
filled with wonderful carvings and
figures. Trang was the last place
visited.Burma is briefly summed up in
the description of Shway Dagon
Temple, (588 B.C.), Pagan, a
centre for lacquer, Mandalay, and
the Irrawaddy. The trip up the
Irrawaddy was, leisurely made by
cargo boat, and river life and
scenery are described.The book closes with a glimpse
of Mingum, where there is the
world famous bell, which weighs
eighty tons.The journey can be followed with
ease from stage to stage, as a map
is supplied with the book, upon
which all the places are clearly
marked.This book is written in free and
homely style, and is therefore easy
to read, and is plentifully illustrat-
ed, in both colour, half-tone, and
line, and can be recommended to
those who enjoy a book of travel,
which is not too much of a geo-
graphical description, or one over-
loaded with wearying and heavy
dissertations or races, customs and
industries.

EGYPT.

["The Nile and Egyptian Civiliza-
tion," by Alexandre Moret,
Keegan Paul, Trench, Trubner
& Co., London. 25/- net.]As schoolboys many of us had
to read the *Euterpe* of Herodotus.
It was our introduction to Egypt.
No more fascinating historian than
Herodotus has ever lived; and no
part of his great History leaves so
permanent an impression on the im-
agination as the second book, the
Euterpe, on Egypt.Egypt was then almost an un-
known land and the Father of His-
tory threw over it that glamour of
wonder and mystery which the
Land itself has instilled into vis-
itors ever since.We have had, and still have,
great authorities who maintain
that we are to look to Egypt as
the *fons et origo* of all our arts,
sciences and inventions, nay of
civilisation itself; that as we re-
treat from it as a centre towards
the Ultima Thule and the confines
of the world—whatever remnants
of civilisation we find are but the
disjecta membra of the Children
of the Sun; the scattered heirlooms
of the Great Race which originated,
cherished and sustained the only
civilisation which has enlightened
mankind.Be this as it may, the Veil of
Isis hides behind it a wonderful
land of mystery, until half a cen-
tury ago almost as unresponsive
to the unrelenting curiosity of man
as the great Sphinx herself.The present volume, *The Nile
and Egyptian Civilisation*, is not
only very interestingly written but
it shows with wonderful skill how
the art, religion, government, and
social life of Egypt were, so to
say, the children of that river of
surprising awe and majesty, the
Nile itself.No river in antiquity produced
such an effect of marvel on the
imagination. If it had flowed up-
hill it could not have been more
wonderful. And like the old lady
who never ceased to thank Provi-
dence because he always put
navigable rivers beside prosperous
towns, the dwellers of the Nile
Valley never ceased to thank the
gods for the marvellous resurrec-
tion which brought them food and
life itself. No wonder the Nile
became apotheosized into a God,
whose Life, Death and Resurrec-
tion is dimly reflected in all the
great religions that have come
within the influence of the Chil-
dren of the Sun."The Nile was the biggest river
of the world which the ancients
knew. Where it enters Egypt,
after the First Cataract, its deep
bed is already over 500 yards
wide; and lower down it spreads
out to about half a mile. This
"huge volume of water flows be-
tween two immense barren de-

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-A fabulous bird
 - 4-A grassy plain
 - 7-Relating to the canal-like ducts of the body
 - 8-A national park in Alberta, Canada
 - 10-A misanthrope
 - 12-Dreads
 - 14-A protuberance
 - 15-A German monoplane
 - 18-To eradicate
 - 20-The Greek long E
 - 21-Devices for lessening shock
 - 23-A number
 - 24-In the smallest degree
 - 26-Beneath (poetic)
 - 28-A crystalline white salt
 - 30-Point of compass (abbr.)
 - 32-A river in N. W. Germany
 - 34-To traffic
 - 36-An herb of the bean family
 - 38-Obtain
 - 40-Degressed
 - 42-To prepare for working, as ore
 - 44-A region north of Trieste, Italy
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- 46-A tree of the custard-apple family
 - 48-Noah's ship
 - 50-A musical exercise
 - 52-Ireland
 - 53-Foolish and tricky
 - 55-Unwritten narrative poetry
 - 56-To move cautiously
 - 58-The white poplar
 - 60-Dropsy
 - 61-A rock resembling slate
 - 62-A garment worn in Arabia
- VERTICAL**
- 1-An early rime or poem
 - 2-An African fetish
 - 3-A prickly plant
 - 4-A town in north France
 - 5-A compass point (abbr.)
 - 6-Remotely
 - 7-A character in Romeo and Juliet
 - 8-Foams
 - 9-A finger stall
 - 11-To buffet (Reformed spelling)
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- 13-A bug found under logs
 - 14-Man's name
 - 16-An unexpected demand (colloq.)
 - 17-Newly married men
 - 19-A round trip
 - 21-To shut out
 - 22-Observed
 - 25-A lamprey
 - 27-A Chinese plant
 - 28-Wrath
 - 31-So (Scott.)
 - 33-A time-period
 - 34-Telegram (abbr.)
 - 35-Girl's name
 - 36-An English poet
 - 37-To aim at
 - 38-Uncooked
 - 39-Sooner than
 - 40-Supple (Dial. Brit.)
 - 41-Executes
 - 43-A Spanish dish of bread and milk
 - 45-An Irish dramatist and essayist
 - 47-A bow
 - 49-To tear
 - 51-A female kangaroo
 - 53-Girl's name
 - 54-A hedge in a ditch
 - 57-To ensnare
 - 59-The laurel tree

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

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20	6.02	6.51
21	6.02	6.50
22	6.03	6.49
23	6.03	6.49
24	6.03	6.48
25	6.03	6.47
26	6.04	6.46
27	6.04	6.45
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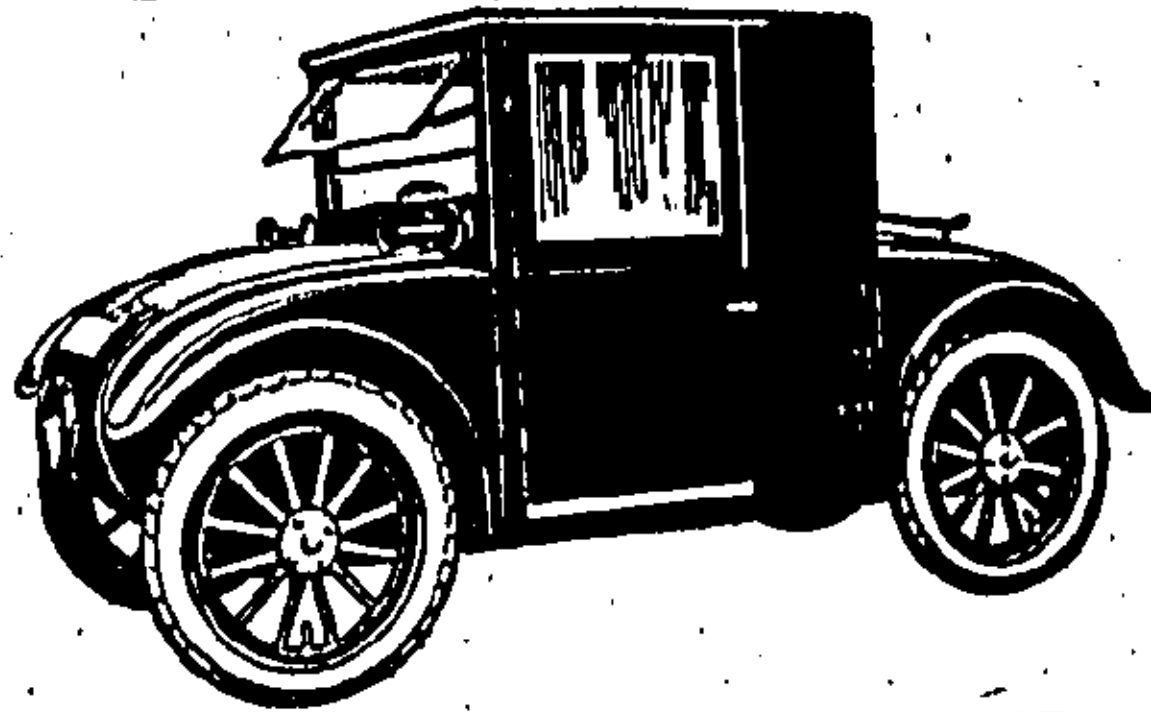
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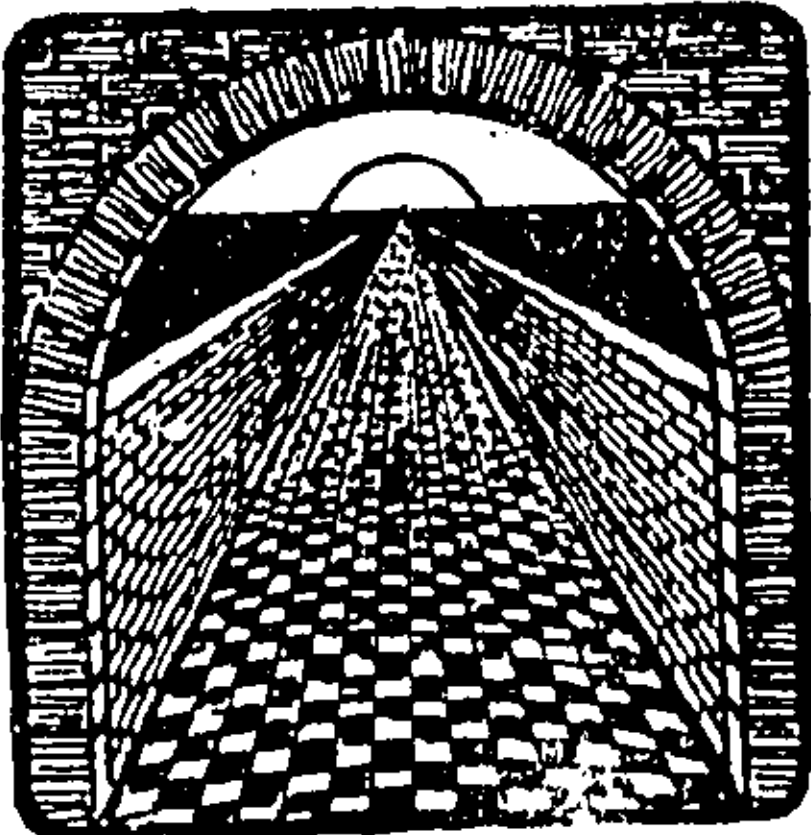
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London. — The total sum paid for the pictures of the late Sir George Holford when the great sale ended at Christie's auction rooms approached \$417,000. Pictures were sold recently for \$52,332.

There was a slight sensation at the sale of a set of four "Seasons" executed by Francois Boucher in soft pastel colourings. A London gallery purchased these for 600 guineas. Then it was announced that a set of five designs by Alfred Stevens for the dining-room at Dorchester House had been withdrawn and bought, with the help of the legatees of the Holford will, for the Tate Gallery.

The first thrill of the afternoon came when the auctioneer's assistant held up the "Portrait of a Gentleman" by Francis Cotes, said to be John Simpson, of Essington, Northumberland. The bidding went swiftly from 300 to 4,200 guineas. There was applause when it was announced that the picture had been bought for the National Gallery largely as the gift of a woman who preferred to remain anonymous, the National Art Collections Fund, and the legatees of the Holford estate.

A pretty girl with a demure



Madam Lupescu, who has been the constant companion of Prince Carol since he left his wife, Princess Helene, of Rumania.

expression, blue eyes and auburn hair—a portrait of Cecile Volage, by Greuze—was much admired by the dealers, who discussed her approvingly until she was finally sold for 1,800 guineas.

The pictures catalogued under the Spanish school created great interest. The portrait of the Duke of Medini Celi, formerly regarded as Don Luis de Haro, a half-length figure, was bought for 3,200 guineas.

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"MAIL" REVIEWS.

(Continued from Page 14.)

"Africa. It was only recently that the sources of the Nile were discovered. The Egyptians, admitting their ignorance, declared that this sacred water came to the earth from heaven, or else rose by secret ways from the Lower World. For them, the majestic river which fed them, was 'The Great River,' *itr-aa*, or 'The Sea,' *tuma*; they called it *Hapi* when they made it into a god of human form." (p. 27.)

"But the annual inundation is the greatest of the miracles of the Nile. By this the river keeps up the depth of cultivable soil, 'compensates for evaporation, and gives it the humidity needed in a rainless country. Did the Egyptians know the real cause of the periodic flood? Herodotus and 'Diodorus are vexed that they could learn nothing from the priests or anyone else, about the nature of the Nile, the river which unlike all others, flooded in the height of summer. The rising of the Nile is a phenomenon which astounds those who see it and appears quite incredible to those who hear of it. For where as other rivers shrink about the summer solstice, and grow smaller and smaller from that point onwards, the Nile alone begins to swell, and its waters rise, day by day, until in the end they overflow almost the whole of Egypt.' (p. 28.)

We can see how the organisation and control of this mighty flood required the suppression of individualism, and gradually treated the division of the country into nomes ruled by a nomarch, subjecting the people to that discipline and government which are the warp and woof of civilisation. Could such a civilisation have come about without the far-sighted control of the flood, and the consequent irrigation and regulation which the annual inundation engendered? Thus has nature impressed on her creatures the benefits of the social and colonial habit.

But there came the little rift in the lute. It is not without significance that it is in the chapters headed 'Decline of the Memphite Monarchy' that we read:—"So at the end of the VI. Dynasty, 'Pharaoh, the sole priest in theory, found himself confronted by an oligarchy of priests, initiated by their calling into the religious rites, who managed and finally owned the Fields of the God, and were exempt from burdens and control, yet claimed a position and an authority at Court which the King himself had rashly relinquished to them. At the expense of the monarchy the priest-hood came to form what we may call a feudal clergy."

Thus the temples of the gods and the whole priestly class and their satellites were exempted in respect of taxes, labour, and services levied by the King. Thus the priesthood, a parasitic class of drones passed from under control and grew in power till the decline of the monarchy became decay. Egypt failed to control and subdue her priesthood.

When in English history a somewhat similar danger threatened England in Henry VIII's reign she produced in Thomas Cromwell a statesman who was not afraid to carry out the wishes of the King. Thus our country was saved from sinking to beggary under wealthy syndicates of parasitic monks. Unfortunately Egypt failed to produce a Thomas Cromwell. The power of the priests grew and increased until the First Prophet of Amón sat on the throne.

And what of this religion which made Herodotus write of them, 'they are religious to excess, far beyond any other race of men?' Readers of Sir James Frazer's exhaustive volumes will know how greatly and in what subtle forms the religion of Egypt especially the worship of the Nile as Osiris has influenced and moulded the various religions which have sprung up in the Mediterranean basin in the last three or four thousand years. The Trinity and Eucharist, the Passion and 'the World' have had their prototypes in the prehistoric worship on the banks of the Nile.

The forthcoming disclosures of archaeologists working round Ur, Boghazkeui, Knossos and many other centres, as well as in Egypt itself may bring to light in the near future, evidences which may help to correlate the great epochs of Egyptian civilisation with those of Babylonia, Sumeria, Phrygia, and Crete; and enable us to trace more accurately the debt of each to the other in religion, science, and art; and the relative antiquity of those buried Empires of the past.

Readers of the works of Breasted, Flinders Petrie, Elliot Smith, and others on Egypt will be deeply interested in this new work written from a slightly different angle. The book is well illustrated and documented, and more than sustains the credit of the great 'History of Civilisation' series to which it belongs.

CHARLIE'S SHIELD.

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FOR THE HIGHLANDS.

London.—A shield which was given to Prince Charles, the Pretender, in Paris, before he left to prepare for the 1745 rebellion, was sold at Sotheby's for \$4,000. It was bought by Mr. A. Fraser, of Inverness, who stated that it would be preserved for the Highlands.

The collection of Stuart relics preserved by Jacobites after Culloden—was sold by Cluny MacPherson, chief of the Clan Chattan, who announced recently that the relics were sold "owing to the exigencies of the times." A copper plate for printing currency notes, and found near the west end of Loch Laggan, fetched \$430. The sloop from France, with a large sum of money aboard, had been lost. There was a commission to print notes of amounts from £200 downward. No notes were printed, however, and the plate is the only relic of the trouble.

There was a ruffe worn by Prince Charlie, which he left behind at Fassefern House after he had set up his standard at Glenfinnan.

A wooden snuff-mill, used by the Cluny "of the '45," was found in the cave where the Prince was hiding, and was sold for £28.



Mrs. Gustav Stresemann, wife of the German Chancellor.

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Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on August 1, 1928.—
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[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." A. denotes "Above Overflow." L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]
Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

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Tytam Pyewash	22.37	2.83
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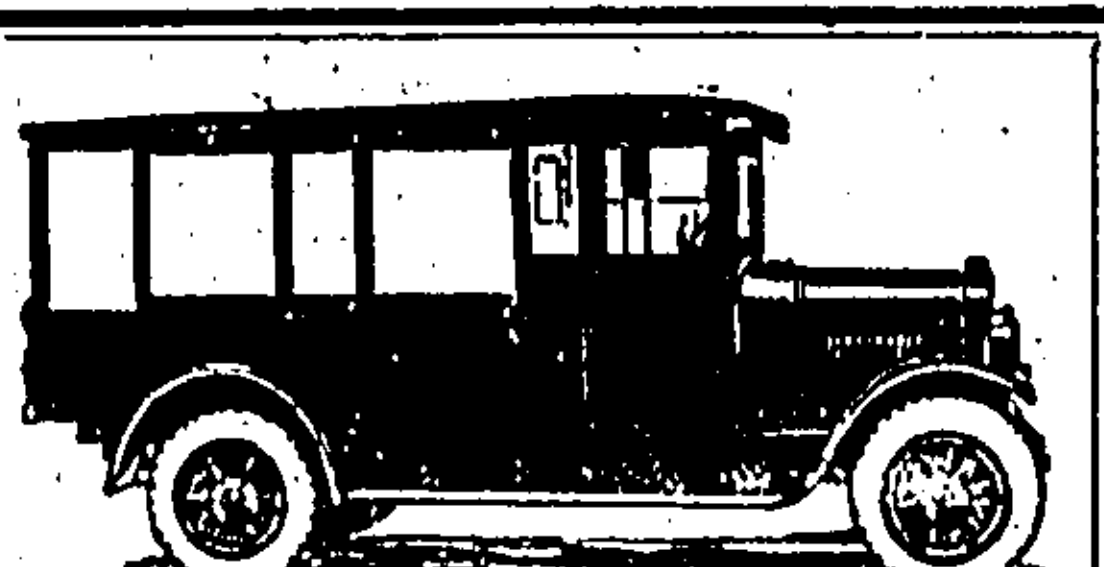
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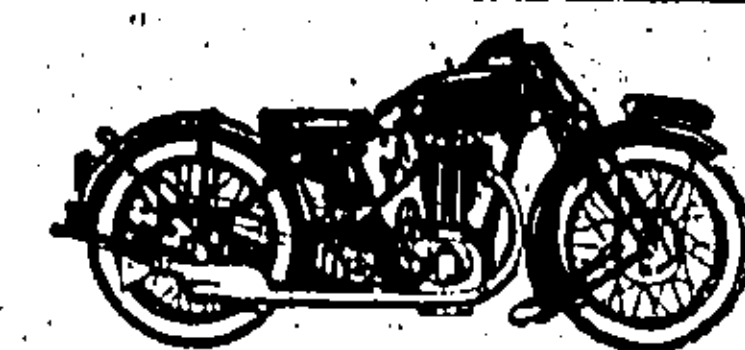


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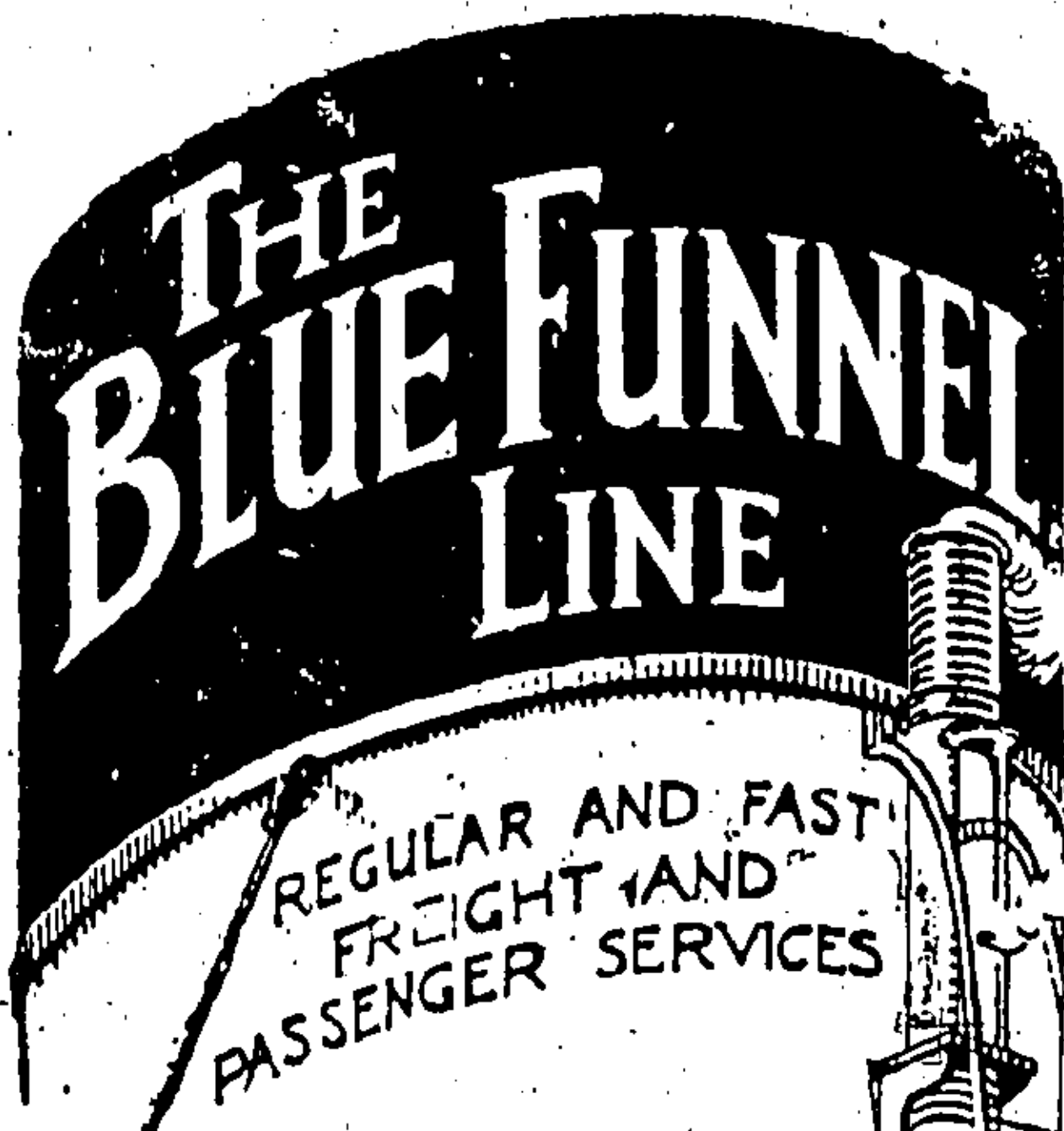
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.	
Straits	Kumsang
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23.	
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MONDAY, AUGUST 20.	
Shanghai	Fushimi Maru 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Antiochus 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 10th Sept. and Europe via Siberia. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Aug. 21st) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	President Pierce
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WORLD'S LIGHT PLANE ENDURANCE RECORD.

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London, Yesterday. A world's light aeroplane endurance record has been established by Captain Broad flying a Gypsy "Moth" 24 hours at Edgware.—Reuter.

"Flies Itself." The British Wireless report states that Captain Broad went up last evening with fuel for twenty hours and to-day had been in the air longer than that time. The previous best was that of Hinkler who, on his journey to Australia in a light plane, was on the first stage of the journey in the air for 13 hours. Broad's machine is the same type of craft on which he secured for Britain the world's speed and altitude records for light aircraft.

The machine was laden with petrol equal to the weight of about four men. Broad had not set himself any particular course but wandered at will over England. He has been averaging a speed of about 80 miles an hour. When flying on a straight course the "Moth" is so easy to guide that Broad is able to set the controls and read a book. He was met in the air to-day by Captain White, also flying a "Moth," at a height of 4,000 feet. He was then reading and eating sandwiches while the machine flew itself.

CUBA'S SUGAR.

CHINA MARKET FOR THE SURPLUS.

NATIONALISTS "RECOGNISED."

Havana, Yesterday. General Machado de Morales, President of Cuba, has formally recognised the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Later. Cuba's recognition is interpreted as a move to create a market for surplus Cuban sugar in China, which course was recently strongly recommended by the Department of Agriculture. This view is supported by the announcement of the State Department that purveyors would be opened immediately with China for the conclusion of a commercial treaty.—Reuter's American Service.

China and Germany.

Nanking, Yesterday. Dr. C. T. Wang (Foreign Minister) and the German Minister have signed a treaty whereby China and Germany agree to grant each other absolutely equal treatment in Customs and related matters, and engage to enter as soon as possible into negotiations for a Treaty of Commerce, based on the principle of perfect parity.

The new treaty is supplementary to the Sino-German agreement of May 19, 1921.—Reuter.

Full Report.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A delegation from Manchuria headed by Hsing Shih-lien is going to Nanking to submit a full report of the recent political crisis created by Japan, also to make detailed arrangements for the adherence of Manchuria to the Nationalist Government.

General Chang Hsueh-ling has appointed Hsing Shih-lien resident representative at Nanking.—Reuter.

Chinese Protest.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Chinese Minister at Tokyo has been instructed to lodge a strong protest against the expulsion by the Japanese Expeditionary Force of Chinese magistrates from parts of Shantung.—Reuter.

Labour Unions.

Peking, Yesterday. On instructions from General Yen Hsi-shan, the local authorities have issued a proclamation ordering all labour unions to dissolve. The authorities state that communist activities have recently increased, making such an order necessary in order to prevent class strife.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.—The Admiralty are applying to the Soviet authorities for the return to England of the remains of the forty men killed in the submarine L55.—Reuter.

THE R.A.F.'S WEEK OF MIMIC WARFARE.

"TONS OF BOMBS."

ONLY NINE RAIDS COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL.

INTERESTING COMMENT.

London, Yesterday. An official communique says that there were 57 bombing raids on London during the course of the past four nights' Air Force manoeuvres, of which only nine were completely successful in evading the defence.

It is estimated that 171 bombers were "destroyed" and 131 defending aircraft. About 250,000 miles were flown and the sole accident befell a pilot whose machine overturned and his nose was slightly damaged.

What Mr. Lloyd George Thinks. Visions of London and the Home Counties being laid to waste in future war have been evoked as a result of the R.A.F. week of mimic warfare.

Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed, envisages "devastation, annihilation and nothing less." He declares that pacts are useless while nations are perfecting the machinery of devastation. It is possible to defend cities against aerial attack but air armaments should be very drastically cut down "for we are spending millions on a little Air Force which a week's manoeuvres have proved to be particularly ineffective."

A Brig-General's Views.

Brigadier-General Groves, ex-Director of flying operations to the Air Ministry, told Reuter that he pictured the result of future warfare as indiscriminate killing and maiming. He estimated that bombers, during the week, dropped 300 tons of bombs on London, the same amount the Germans dropped on England throughout the war. He declared that the defence of London was of only secondary importance, and urged the development of bombers able to attack enemy cities.—Reuter.

MASTER OF COMPROMISE.

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Nationalist Party and that he can only be thrown out by such Congress in session again.

How Mr. Wu was pacified and how Mr. Chen was induced to stay away from Nanking remains



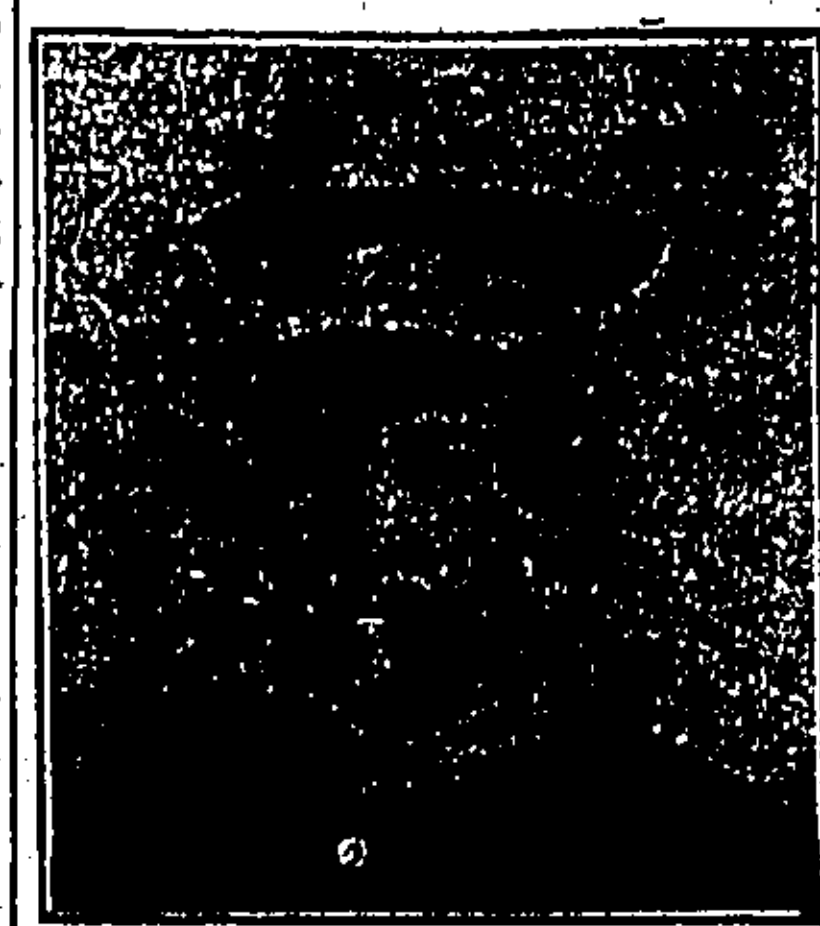
General Li Tsung-jen.

a mystery—a mystery which gives Marshal Chiang Kai-shek credit as a master of compromise.

CONVENIENTLY SICK.

Generals Who Stayed Away from the Conference.

Political circles have been asking whether General Yen Hsi-shan



General Yen Hsi-shan.

was really sick when on his journey from Peking to Nanking, to attend the fifth plenary session.

CRICKETERS' WIVES BANNED.

ON TOUR.

SOUTH AFRICA FOLLOWS AUSTRALIAN EXAMPLE.

"A NUISANCE."

The South Africa cricketers who will tour England next year will not be allowed to bring their wives with them.

This is the first time such a rule has been laid down in connection with a South African tour, and there is a certain amount of feeling about it, though the consensus of opinion is that the decision is a wise one.

Mr. Frank Bond, who has acted as manager to both South African and overseas teams, says candidly that wives are a nuisance on tours. But he is a bachelor.

The Board of Control is, of course, merely following the example set by Australia in 1924, when the "no wives" rule was brought into force for the first time.

Deane As Captain.

South Africa is already busy making preparations for the tour, which begins next April. The team sails from Capetown on March 29. H. G. Deane, whose brilliant leadership was largely responsible for their fine performance against the last M.C.C. team in South Africa, has been elected captain. Mr. O. Frielinghaus will probably be appointed manager and Mr. A. S. Frames secretary.

Trial matches are to take place on turf wickets at Capetown and Durban. This will be the first time that turf has been played on in games of this sort. The idea is an excellent one, and should help to guide selectors in discarding the claims of men—especially bowlers—who, though formidable on matting, are quite ordinary on turf. Already there are doubts about Nupen, undoubtedly South Africa's best bowler, being able to turn out. He is now a solicitor, and it is questionable whether he can spare the time for a long tour.

An invitation for the team to go direct to India on completion of the English tour has been discussed by the Cricket Board, but not definitely accepted. It was announced at the same meeting that the Australians would be invited to visit South Africa after their tour of England in 1930.

CAPTAIN COOK.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH.

HAWAIIAN CELEBRATIONS.

Waimea, Hawaii, Yesterday. On the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the death of the explorer, Captain Cook and his discovery of Hawaii, a monument was unveiled in the presence of a number of naval officers representing Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and America, brought here by the United States Battleship "Pennsylvania."

After the ceremony, national salutes of twenty-one guns were fired by the warship lying off the island, and a number of Army and Navy aeroplanes circled overhead.—Reuter.

ney from Peking to Nanking, to attend the fifth plenary session.

A rumour is current that General Yen Hsi-shan became suspicious that a plot was being hatched against either his position or his welfare. At any rate, he withdrew a large number of his troops performing garrison duty in Peking and is now in the fastness of Shansi.

There was another incident concerning a Nationalist General. This was Pei Chung-hai, who was appointed commander-in-chief of the expedition against the remnants of the Northern Army hovering near the Great Wall. He became sick, however, and was admitted into the German Hospital in the Legation Quarter. Pei Chung-hai is one of the Kwangsi big four. Another of the Kwangsi big four, General Li Tsung-jen, is sick also, in Shanghai. Sickens does hide a multitude of excuses in Chinese public affairs.

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